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Mr. Chamberlain cheered the nation when he said, "I am ten times as confident of victory as when war broke out."

And here are

# TEN REASONS FOR VICTORY

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

**BRITAIN READY IN ALL HER MILITARY MIGHT—A WELL-TRAINED ARMY IN BEING; AN AIR FORCE SECOND TO NONE; A NAVY THAT HAS SWEEPED THE SEAS OF U-BOATS AND MINES AND IS IMPOSING A DEADLY GRIP ON GERMAN LIFE AND INDUSTRY. THOSE ARE THE FACTS BEHIND MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STIRRING DECLARATION THAT HE IS "TEN TIMES AS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY" AS HE WAS WHEN THE WAR BEGAN.**

There is no harm now in admitting that last September we were NOT ready. As the Premier said, Hitler missed the bus.

For years the Nazi military machine had been preparing for war while we went about our ordinary peaceful lives. When the blow fell many of our war preparations had still to be made.

A fortnight ago we "turned the corner." Those are the words of General Ironside himself. The British war machine is at last in full production.

And immediately Britain's war chiefs were satisfied of our readiness for any emergency, that we could "face the future with a calm and steady mind." Britain began to turn the economic screw that will bring Germany to her knees.

Already Mr. Chamberlain's confidence has had an electric effect on the wavering neutrals. Although their silent sympathies have been with the Allies, they have felt bound to play for safety in their dealings with Hitler. That is now being changed.

To tell Hitler of the full strength of our arms, of our secret weapons or our strategic plans would be playing his game. But there are ten reasons at least that can be given to show Britain's full justification for being "ten times as confident of victory."

## 1. THE NAVY

THE U-boat campaign to starve us out and sink our Navy has failed utterly. For 10 days there has been no U-boat attack on any British ship.

At least 50 U-boats have already been sunk, and there is evidence that we can sink them faster than Hitler can build them.

The youth of the present U-boat crews reveals Admiral Raeder's difficulty in getting adequately trained men.

No ship, allied or neutral, has been sunk in the North Sea by a mine for more than a week. Not only have we countered the magnetic mine, but the menace of the drifting mine has also gone.

Occasional losses are inevitable. But we are already making good the merchant shipping losses sustained early in the war and the Navy is greater than ever before.

Since September more than 30 new warships have joined the Fleet, as well as hundreds of auxiliary craft. A further million tons of warships and a million tons of merchant ships are under construction.

## 2. THE ARMY

WITH yesterday's contingent, more than 1,500,000 men have registered for the Army. Not all of them have yet been called up, but with the Regular Army, the enlarged Territorial Force and Dominions troops, we have well over a million and a quarter men under arms.

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## 'WARE ARMY RUM, SAYS "ARMY"

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

THE question of the Army rum ration issued to B.E.F. has come to the front again, just as it did in the last war. The Salvation Army and other temperance organisations fear that their teetotal members may develop a liking for strong drink as a result of accepting the Army ration. So they are warning them they don't need to drink it.

The Army authorities—including the doctors—say rum is good for the troops, especially in cold or wet weather. The majority of men accept the ration. But there is no Army regulation to compel them to do so.

If a man does not want the rum himself, he must not draw his ration and hand it on to one of his comrades. It goes to swell that little "surplus" which every good S.M. or Q.M.S. has hidden away somewhere in his store.

★  
Duchess  
Wears  
Her  
Uniform  
★



Wearing the uniform of Lady Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Duchess of Kent yesterday visited the training home for nurses at Market Harborough.

## £20,000 BEQUESTS TO HER SERVANTS

BEQUESTS exceeding £20,000 were left to her employees and servants by Mrs. Harriett Rowland Greene, of Craven Arms, Salop, and Gloucester-place, Bayswater.

Principal among them was a legacy of £5,000 to her maid Edith Ellen Busby, or £3,000 if she had left her service owing to ill-health.

Other legacies included £1,500 to her butler, Frank Browning; £1,000 each to her electrician, her chauffeur, her keeper, head housemaid Annie Walton, and housemaid Annie Crane; £700 each to her footman and her cook-house-keeper; £500 to her housemaid Jessie Overton; £300 to her house and pantryman and head gardener; £250 to her foreman gardener.

In addition all her servants are to receive legacies of from £20 to £150 each, varying according to years of service.

An interesting collection of art curios are left to the Speaker of the House of Commons to be held with similar objects already given to the House.

They include an ivory statuette of Charles I on ebony globe which opens to show his execution; an ivory tankard depicting the landing of Queen II; and ivory figures of Mary Queen of Scots and Queen Elizabeth.

Mrs. Greene's total estate was £182,079, on which duties amounted to £65,434.

## HE BECAME CRACK JOCKEY AT 13!

FRANK WOOTTON, formerly one of the best-known jockeys on the English Turf, died in Sydney, Australia, aged forty-six.

A brother of Stanley Wootton, the Epsom trainer, Frank was the eldest son of Richard Wootton.

Though his riding days under Jockey Club rules did not extend beyond seven years, Wootton was very successful.

For several seasons he topped the list of winning jockeys. His first winner in England was Retriever, at Folkestone, in August, 1906. He was then only thirteen years old.

(See Story in Page Two.)

## MORE PAY FOR R.A.F. CHILDREN

The Air Ministry announced yesterday that increased allowances for children of R.A.F. men came into operation on Friday.

Revised payments, which bring the allowances into line with those for Navy and Army children, are: 6s. a week for one child, 10s. for two, 12s. for three and 3s. a week for each additional child.

## TROUSERS BAN ON WOMEN IN FRANCE

EVERY WOMAN ENTERTAINER WHO GOES TO FRANCE TO ENTERTAIN THE ARMY AND THE R.A.F. UNDER THE E.N.S.A. SCHEME IS NOW WARNED NOT TO WEAR TROUSERS THERE.

They are told that French people do not understand the wearing of such trousers and that wearers are liable to be arrested as spies, or subjected to criticism.

In addition (says the Exchange) every entertainer, man or woman, is handed the following list of 13 "don'ts":—

1. Do not discuss military matters in public.
2. Do not mention the whereabouts, at home or abroad, of military units—officers or other ranks.
3. Do not discuss the war with strangers, whatever their nationality or sex.
4. Do not discuss conditions at home.

## Rich Men As Spare-Time Spy Hunters

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

"SUGAR DADDIES" AND "DRUNKEN SEAMEN" ARE HELPING TO TRACK DOWN THE FOREIGN SPIES WHO ARE PICKING UP VALUABLE INFORMATION IN WEST END

BOTTLE PARTIES AND IN DOCKLAND PUBLIC-HOUSES.

They are members of a Secret Service as romantic as anything conceived by an Oppenheim or an Edgar Wallace, an organisation that is doing invaluable work to win the war.

BY DAY they are business men, who sit at their office desks and direct big enterprises.

BY NIGHT, clad in immaculate evening dress or in the clothes of working men, they go hunting spies.

Their pay is the thought that they are helping Britain; their chief is a man, thrice mentioned in dispatches during the last war, who probably knows as much as anyone alive of the vast web of Nazi espionage.

LEAKAGES STOPPED  
He is Colonel H. W. Burton, Conservative M.P. for Sudbury, Suffolk. Yesterday he revealed to me such details as he thought advisable of his own secret counter-espionage system.

"I have long been connected with shipping," he said, "and several of my 'spies' are well-known shipping executives."

Information they have unearthed has been passed on to M.I.5, and already certain leakages of information to Germany have been stopped.

Colonel Burton told me that some time ago reports published in certain German papers made him suspicious of such leakages.

Soon, in certain East Coast public-houses, ill-dressed, rough-spoken men appeared.

Having plenty of money to spend, they might have been taken for seamen waiting for another ship. Invariably they seemed drunk and little notice was taken of them.

They seemed hopelessly drunk. But their eyes and ears were taking in all that happened in the crowded smoky bars.

They saw men pal up with buried dockers, enjoying a lunch-time pint. They edged near them, still feigning drunkenness.

And in the course of weeks of careful observation they discovered that a surprising number of local people were anxious to communicate with relatives in neutral countries.

These locals, it seemed, were anxious for dockers and stevedores to pass letters on to neutral shippers or seamen, who, for a slight consideration, would post them when they reached a Continental port.

"There's so much delay if I send a letter through the ordinary channels, and I must get in touch with my brother quickly," was a common excuse.

As soon as they had gathered enough evidence that these so-called letters to relatives were, in fact, coded information intended for the Nazis, the "drunken seamen" informed Colonel Burton.

He told the authorities everything he knew. And M.I.5 acted.

For the "drunken seamen" were members of Colonel Burton's amateur sleuth brigade.

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## M.P. AND HIS FRIENDS RUN THEIR OWN SECRET SERVICE

## Rich Men As Spare-Time Spy Hunters



Col. H. W. BURTON

## DR. KOHT WARNS: KEEP OUT OF NEUTRAL WATERS

## NORWAY WAR SCARE

Oslo, Saturday.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN TONIGHT ARE IN THE GRIP OF A WAR SCARE. THE UNREVEALED CONTENTS OF THE BRITISH NOTE TO THE SCANDINAVIAN POWERS ON THE TIGHTENING OF THE BLOCKADE OF GERMANY HAS PRODUCED ALARMING-THOUGH UNCONFIRMED RUMOURS THAT THE NORTHERN NATIONS MAY BE DRAGGED WILLY-NILLY INTO HOSTILITIES.

Anxiety was not relieved by the declaration of Professor Haldan Koht, Norwegian Foreign Minister, that his country "will at once be at war" if free shipping in Norwegian waters is interfered with to the advantage of either of the belligerent Powers.

This was interpreted as in no way a threat of war—least of all against Britain—but as indicative of Norway's fear that interference with German shipping in Norwegian waters would bring retaliation from Germany which would practically drag Norway into the conflict.

BOMBED SHIPS  
It was also regarded as an emphatic method of stressing Norway's neutral attitude.

Dr. Koht, emphasising Norway's determination to maintain strict neutrality, was careful to add that he could not "think of any possible war for this country other than a war in which we are forced to defend our independence."

He condemned the sinking of Norwegian ships by German war planes. Referring particularly to the bombing on Wednesday of the liner Mira, he said:

"We cannot acknowledge any right to adopt such a procedure even if this ship sailed under British protection."

He gave a warning that if the Allies stopped German shipping in Norwegian territorial waters two alternatives would arise:—

1. Shipping from Norway to the Allies as well as to Germany would have to be stopped; or

2. Norway's neutrality would be violated and she would be brought into the war.—Associated Press.

BERLIN'S ANXIOUS WAIT  
The Wilhelmstrasse is feverishly awaiting the outcome of the Allied Notes to the Scandinavian countries, says the B.U.P. from Berlin.

"Now we shall see whether Scandinavian neutrality proves itself," an official stated.

If Norway seeks to preserve her neutrality by stopping shipments of iron ore from Narvik to both Germany and Britain she will nevertheless sacrifice it by bowing to British pressure.

"If, as discussed in some reports, Britain should obtain the right to lay mines in Norwegian waters," the official added, "it would be the clearest case of Norway sacrificing her neutrality."

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## TODAY'S RADIO

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## BIG CASH

CROSSWORDS

PAGE TWELVE



# R.A.F. Pilot Trapped in Sinking Spitfire FIGHT FOR LIFE UNDER SEA AFTER ATTACKING HEINKEL

AFTER SHOOTING DOWN A HEINKEL RAIDER OVER THE NORTH SEA, THE PILOT OF AN R.A.F. SPITFIRE FOUND HIMSELF TRAPPED UNDER WATER AS HIS PLANE WAS SINKING. HIS PARACHUTE HAD JAMMED IN THE SLIDING ROOF OF THE COCKPIT.

Yet he managed to get free, and after three days in hospital he has told the story of his under-sea fight for life and remarkable escape.

It was on Wednesday that he attacked a Heinkel over the North Sea, 12 miles from the Yorkshire coast.

When he had watched the Heinkel crash on the water and had seen the crew being picked up by a trawler, the fighter pilot, a flight-lieutenant, reported by radio telephone that his aircraft was on fire.

**HIT SEA AT 65 M.P.H.**  
Here is his account of what happened next:—

"When about 14 ft. off the water I reported to the patrol that I was landing."

"I stalled on the water at 65 miles an hour with a loud crash. The aircraft immediately dug its nose in and came to a vertical position tail up and sank at once."

"My next clear recollection is that I was below the surface and that everything appeared green. I undid my harness and began to get clear."

"The aircraft was sinking rapidly, and when I was almost clear my parachute got under the sliding roof. I had to go partly back into the cockpit and out again and finally got clear and tried to swim to the surface."

"By the time I broke surface my lungs had reached just about the limit. I undid my parachute and trod water, but had great difficulty in keeping up."

"I tried to put more air into my life-jacket but found this impossible as I was definitely winded."

"Finally, I got a glimpse of a trawler coming towards me."

"Meantime the trawler arrived alongside and I was handed a boat-hook."

## "Miracle" Of Surgery

From Our Own Correspondent

Swansea, Saturday.

A result of one of the most difficult and delicate operations yet carried out upon any member of the R.A.F., a young aircraftman, John A. Webb, of Glendale, Pembroke, whose body had to be encased in plaster after his spine was splintered in an accident, will be able to resume his Air Force career.

It was thought that he would remain crippled for life following his mishap, but Dr. A. B. Davies, of Haverfordwest, decided to operate.

During the operation, which is described by the "British Medical Journal" as "unique," Webb's pulse became so feeble that a blood transfusion was necessary.

## POTATOES IN PLENTY

Perpignan, Saturday.

French and Spanish railway representatives at a meeting at Cerbere agreed to the passage of 30,000 tons of potatoes across France.

The potatoes will go by rail from Valencia to Britain, via the Channel ports.

## Toy And Fur Exports Up BRITAIN TAKES GERMAN TRADE

TWO INDUSTRIES—TOY-MAKING AND THE FUR TRADE—ONCE ALMOST MONOPOLISED BY GERMANY, ARE NOW PROVIDING BRITAIN WITH EXPORTS VALUED AT MILLIONS OF POUNDS.

Exports of many British toy-makers have gone up 300 per cent. in 12 months. British toys are going to all parts of the world; miniature British Tommies, warships and aeroplanes are being clamoured for by children of every race.

To cope with the tremendous demand, factories are being built at top speed.

The fur trade was once centred on Leipzig—but London is now the world's centre. Experts here have mastered most of the German processing secrets.

Each year sees a large increase in the turnover of the London fur sales.

Orders are pouring in from all parts of the world; many British firms are so busy that they cannot promise delivery inside three months.

Foreign buyers of toys and furs know that goods ordered from Germany have little chance of passing the blockade, so the business is coming to Britain.

## THEY'LL "CLIP" FOR VICTORY!

From Our Own Correspondent

Worthing, Saturday.

HAIRDRESSERS in various parts of the South Coast are starting a "Clip for Victory" campaign. Women who make frequent visits to the hairdresser may soon find themselves wearing their own hair again—in the form of a hat.

A South Coast hairdresser told me: "In Germany all hairdressers keep their hair clippings, and great use is made of it."

English hairdressers are now taking part in the salvage campaign. All the hair cut from their customers' heads is to be collected and made into felt, which will later be turned into men's and women's hats.

## "Holiday Of A Lifetime"

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Apart from the big prize offer, there are many splendid runners-up awards. First runners-up will each have the choice of an attractive list of prizes, listed in Page Twelve; second runners-up (ladies) will receive a beautiful afternoon tea; gentlemen, a shaving set.

Get down now to the urgent business of making this holiday of a lifetime. Follow the example of that happy band of "People's" Crossword prize-winners who have found this competition an easy road to riches.

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## CROSSWORD No. 193

In connection with Crossword No. 193, the Adjudication Committee decided that the most meritorious answers on one square (see below) were those submitted by:—

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## "THE PEOPLE'S" CROSSWORD No. 193

The most meritorious answers used by competitors decided according to aptness and accuracy by the Adjudication Committee were those shown in the square on right.

Extracts from the reasons for Committee's findings in Crossword No. 193 form the subject of a helpful feature for would-be winners in this week's "The Competitor's World."

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## NEW AIR CHIEF'S VISIT

Sir Samuel Hoare, new Air Minister, shakes hands with an officer while inspecting an R.A.F. Squadron near London yesterday.



## £100,000 COUP AT AGE OF 14!

# SCHOOLBOY WON THE CESAREWITCH

A SCHOOLBOY IN KNICKERBOCKERS PRESENTED HIMSELF AT THE JOCKEYS' ENTRANCE TO NEWMARKET RACECOURSE. HE WAS FOURTEEN YEARS OLD AND WEIGHED 6 ST. THE GENTLEMAN LET HIM THROUGH BECAUSE THAT DAY YOUNG FRANKIE WAS RIDING VERNEY IN THE CESAREWITCH.

A party of Australians, who had come over to England with Frankie's father, had a packet of money on Verney.

That didn't worry Frankie. He rode like a veteran. Verney romped home and the tremendous gamble had come off. One report says that the coup brought in £100,000.

Young Frank stayed in England to ride more winners—Frank Wootton, the greatest boy jockey of all time.

His death is reported in Page One at the age of forty-six.

Frank Wootton began riding as soon as he could talk. His father was Richard Wootton, the famous Epsom trainer.

Frank's first race was in South Africa at the age of nine. He began riding in England when he was thirteen, and made such astonishing progress that two years later he was second on the list of champion jockeys, only ten winners short of the famous American, Danny Maher.

## UNCANNY JUDGMENT

Next season, still only sixteen years old, Frank Wootton was top of the winning jockeys, and held that position for four years.

For a boy his judgment was uncanny. He showed a high intelligence in riding and a daring that at times provoked some misgivings among the stewards.

He won his first classic at the age of sixteen on Parola in the Oaks. Two years later he won the St. Leger with Swynford.

But the Derby always eluded him, as it has done his great successor, Gordon Richards.

Soon after he became of age, Frank put on weight so rapidly that it took him out of flat racing. He rode for a few years over hurdles and then returned to Australia, leaving brother Stanley to carry on the training stable at Treadwell House, Epsom, where the Woottons have reigned for 34 years.

## THESE RISKS "ALL IN"

The Prudential Assurance Company is paying claims in full on ordinary and industrial life policies, even if there is a clause which exempts them from coming into effect if death is due to naval or military risks.

The Halifax Building Society is not raising its charges to house-purchase borrowers, but owing to increased tax payments, long-standing depositors and shareholders now receiving more favourable interest are being asked to accept a reduction.

## RAIDERS ATTACK LIGHTHOUSE

RETURNING from their unsuccessful raid on Scapa Flow, German raiders made their first attack on British lighthouses.

It was disclosed last night that two enemy machines flew low over the Pentland Firth and machine-gunned the Duncansby lighthouse.

The light-keeper could see the raiders flying perilously low and heard bullets rattling on the dome of the lighthouse. No one was injured.

Islanders of Stromo, in Pentland Firth, also saw the raiders fly low over their island. Machine-gun bullets fell on Stromo lighthouse, but nobody was hurt.

## AERO ENGINE IN GARDEN

Brussels, Saturday. A piece of German aeroplane engine marked "D.O.17" and showing bullet traces was found today in a garden at Feluy, near Charleroi.—A.P.

## FRENCH RAID ALARM

Paris, Saturday. Air-raid sirens sounded at 2.55 this afternoon in north-west France. The all-clear was given at 3.25 p.m.—Reuter.

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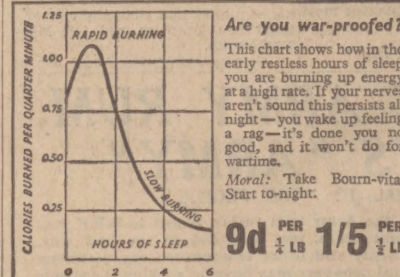
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## GENERALS DEMAND BIG ARMS SPEED-UP

"QUICKEN THE PACE"—THIS IS THE TERSE DEMAND WHICH THE ALLIED GENERALS HAVE MADE ON THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY, MR. BURGIN, SUPPLY MINISTER, SAID AT WOLVERHAMPTON YESTERDAY.

No one doubts, he said, that Britain and France—the British Empire and the French Empire—together can produce limitless quantities of every type of armament, but what the generals demand, is that the pace should be quickened; that more should be delivered at an earlier date. It is on that task that most of our attention is bent.

Mr. Burgin was inaugurating a series of speeches to be made in various parts of the country in which departmental Ministers will tell the nation of their problems and needs.

### CRY FOR MORE

He drew a picture of the varied requirements of an Army recruit—all of which had to be met by his Ministry—on such a scale and at such a pace as has never been known.

"And still the cry comes—'More more. Quicker, quicker,'" Mr. Burgin said.

As a sidelight he quoted this example: "The sending over of a great army to France, an army largely mechanised, with enormous numbers of vehicles all operating on French country roads, where there were no traffic signals and London policemen to guide the traffic, meant a tremendous sudden demand for special signalling lamps that would go red and green like traffic lights in Piccadilly-circus."

"They had to be provided in a matter of days as an instant, urgent demand." Stressing the need for machine tools, Mr. Burgin said: "One of the short cuts to fame now is to become a machine tool builder. The industry has worked wonders."

He appealed to every machine tool

maker to see that their machines were in full operation 24 hours a day.

Because of the enormous demand for this highly specialised equipment, Mr. Burgin disclosed that Britain and France were considering a scheme for interchanging machine tools.

"My colleague, M. Dautry, the Minister of Armament of France," he said, "has asked me whether machine tools can be treated as tourists, and whether, under return tickets, they could be sent across the Channel so that if he has half a dozen milling machines and no use for them for three months they can come to Great Britain, whereas if Great Britain has six vertical borers not wanted for three months they can go to France."

Raw materials were less of a problem for Britain than Germany.

### VAST FACTORIES

Germany is beleaguered, he said. Her stocks of raw materials can be listed; her available stores of supply can be numbered. With Britain and France, the entire world is a seller of anything of which we are in need.

"The home production of steel is something like twice as much as it was in the last war," Mr. Burgin said.

He spoke of the immense armament factories which were being built, some covering more than a square mile. Since the war began the Ministry had been spending about £1,000,000 a day on factories alone.

Fifty-three ordnance factories were built, building, or planned. Experts were constantly travelling throughout the country searching for suitable sites.

In two cases plants laid down since September 3 have begun production—a record in achievement in industrial performance.

## Black-out Blamed For Lax War-Time Morals

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

A CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP PUBLIC MORALS IS BEING PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC MORALITY COUNCIL, HEADED BY DR. FISHER, THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

Associated with the Council are the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, and Free Churches, the Jewish Community, the Salvation Army and the National Council of Women.

### TWO AND A "TEDDY"



Bridesmaid and page had a "mascot" between them at the wedding, at Holy Trinity Church, Kensington, yesterday, of Miss Yvonne Elsa Tilley to Mr. Reginald Phillips. The bride is youngest daughter of Sir George Tilley, chairman, Pearl Assurance Co.

One aspect of war-time morals to which the Council is directing its attention is the large number of girls—often well under eighteen—who pester soldiers near camps. Magistrates have said that these girls make themselves up to look much older than their years.

Commanding officers at many camps have also noticed the same tendency, and to protect their men against possible charges in the courts in view of the age of these girls, they have asked the civil police to take more vigorous action.

Members of the Council, and men and women patrols, are investigating—

- 1.—Deterioration—they say—of the standard of conduct in the West End of London, and in provincial towns, due to the black-out.
- 2.—Bottle parties and night clubs.
- 3.—Nudity on the stage.
- 4.—White slave traffic, which they say is on the increase.
- 5.—Conduct in Hyde Park and other public places during the black-out.
- 6.—Charges that landlords are allowing their houses and flats to be used for improper purposes.

### WHAT INQUIRIES SHOW

In a report just issued, "regarding moral conditions in the near neighbourhood of London," the Council says that inquiries have revealed that:

At one court the police are not bringing any of the usual park cases because of the black-out.

Several West End streets have been periodically patrolled, and repeated representations have been made to the authorities.

Many night clubs are frequented by undesirables.

The use of flats for immoral purposes has greatly increased.

"We are greatly concerned," the report says, "about the increased extent of the importuning which goes on in and near Hyde Park, Piccadilly, Bond-st., Regent-st., Oxford-st., and the Victoria areas."

"Many of the women are Welsh and from the North Country, but there are a large number of French, Italian and German women."

### Stabbed Judge: Police Show Dagger

## "No Intent To Kill," Says Man

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

A DAGGER IN A SHEATH WAS HELD UP IN MANCHESTER CITY POLICE COURT YESTERDAY AS A DETECTIVE-INSPECTOR DESCRIBED THE SCENE AT LONDON ROAD STATION, WHEN JUDGE E. C. BURGESS, CHAIRMAN OF THE LANCAS AND CHESHIRE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS' TRIBUNAL, RECEIVED STABBING WOUNDS.

The dagger was picked up after a man who had been seen running away stumbled and fell.

Henry Ballantine - Best, aged twenty-four, clerk, of Blair-rd., Manchester, who appeared in court between two detectives, was remanded on a charge of stabbing Judge Burgess with intent to murder him.

Det.-Inspector Stainton said that Judge Burgess was about to board a train at London-rd. Station to his home at Macclesfield, when he was violently attacked from behind and stabbed in the neck and various parts of the body.

"The accused man, Best," said the officer, "was seen and afterwards ran away but fell and dropped a dagger." (The detective at this point held up a dagger which was in a sheath.)

"Later, Best surrendered himself at Whitworth-st. Police Station. Other officers and I took him to another police station where he made a statement."

"Replying to a charge of wounding with intent to murder, Best said, 'I did

not intend to murder,'" the officer concluded.

Before he was remanded yesterday, Best said, "I should like to make a statement—can I take the oath? I did not intend."

The Clerk: I suppose you are going to say you did not intend to murder. Best: Yes, and something else.

The Clerk: Are you going to be represented?

Best: I don't know the procedure. Best was remanded until Friday.

Late on Friday night an operation was performed on the judge in Ancoats Hospital, and afterwards it was stated his condition was satisfactory and there was no immediate danger.

### DR. BENES' MESSAGE

Dr. Edward Benes, Chairman of the Czechoslovak National Committee, in an address to the first contingent of Czech volunteers who leave Britain for France in the next few days, says that in the future organisation of Europe, Czechoslovakia must again take its honourable place.

### WITHOUT HER PRINCE



Miki Hood, London's most photographed girl, who has a leading part in "Without Her Prince," which opens at the Whitehall Theatre tomorrow.

### HOLD-UP ON THE DISTRICT

OWING to an axle breaking on a train, all stations on the District line between Mansion House and Whitechapel were closed yesterday afternoon, and the current was cut off.

Railway tickets were made available on buses serving the same route, and, as the hold-up occurred at the time of the homeward rush, long queues quickly formed at the bus-stops near the affected stations.

These stations were Cannon-st., Monument, Mark-lane, and Aldgate East.

The normal Inner Circle service was resumed at 6.30 p.m. The District service, however, was still dislocated, trains being turned back at Mansion House and Whitechapel.

## CHANGED MIND, MISSED £10,000

A LEADING Tattersall's bookmaker is congratulating himself on this bad luck story of one of his regular clients who changed his mind and missed £10,000. Four weeks ago this backer agreed to odds of 400 to 1 against Quartier Maitre and Bogskar as a double for the Lincoln and Grand National, and placed a bet of £25. Later, during the same day, the bookmaker's "phone bell tinkled again. 'I say, old man,' said the backer, 'would you mind cancelling that bet? I have been through the 'form' of Bogskar again, and I don't think that he's good enough to win the National.' The bookmaker obliged.

## LOVE STORY OF 75 YEARS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Petersfield, Hampshire, Saturday. DOWN IN THE TINY HAMLET OF MILLAND, NOT FAR FROM HERE, THEY RAISED THEIR FLOWING TANKARDS IN THE TWO VILLAGE INNS TONIGHT TO "OLD JIM AND HIS MISSUS"—MR. AND MRS. JAMES WEST, WHO CELEBRATED THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WEDDING IN THEIR SNUG LITTLE COTTAGE OVERLOOKING THE DUCK POND TODAY.

They are believed to be Britain's

longest-married couple.

Jim will be 100 in less than six months' time; his wife, Maria Alice, will be 95 two months later.

"We have never had a cross word," Mr. West told me as he tugged at his wisp of beard. There was no time for that sort of thing. We have had to work too hard.

"Besides we had a family of fifteen boys and girls, nine of whom are still living."

### VILLAGE BELLE

"It is a fine thing to be a great-granddad like my father and his father before him."

Here is Jim's story of his romance that has lasted seventy-five years. "When Victoria was queen, pretty Maria Alice was the belle of the hamlet," he said.

"I first met the minx in the woods where she said she was lost. After that she chased me up and never gave me a moment's peace until I married her. But there was a merry twinkle in the bright blue eyes of Britain's oldest husband."

When they marched away from the church after their wedding, Jim in his best farming smock and Maria Alice wearing her finest crinoline, the bridegroom was earning twelve shillings a week.

But after starting out in life when he was no higher than the kitchen table earning fourpence a week as a bird scarer, Jim at twenty-six had his own farm from which he retired thirty years ago.

### REDUCED TO THE RANKS

Under the above heading in our issue of March 24 last, we stated that Battery Q.M.S. S. H. Cummings, Royal Artillery, had been found guilty by a court-martial of five charges of conduct prejudicial to military discipline, and was to be reduced to the ranks.

We have since learnt that Battery Q.M.S. Cummings was only reduced to the rank of Sergeant, and we offer to him our apologies for the mis-statement.

### Congratulations To You

TO the following readers "The People" has pleasure in offering hearty congratulations on the occasion of their various wedding anniversaries: GOLDEN WEDDINGS—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Patrick, 161, Avondale-rd., Kettering, Northants; Mr. and Mrs. E. Lane, 13, Barrett's-grove, Stoke Newington, London, N.16; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White, 12, Scouler-st., Poplar, E.14; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wood, 51, Marlborough-grove, Old Kent-rd., London, S.E.1; Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Neal, 79, Greenbank-ave., Easton, Bristol; Mr. and Mrs. J. Francis, Newport, Banke, Littleport, Canvey, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, 8, Prince of Wales-ave., Reading; Mr. and Mrs. F. Wedham, 7, Abner, Kent; Mr. and Mrs. P. Skinner, 61, Tarring-rd., Worthing; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pike, 19, Burnthwaite-rd., Fulham, S.W.6; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pepper, 58, High-st., Ridgmont, Beds; Mr. and Mrs. James Rumsby, 79, St. Leonard's-rd., Norwich; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Richardson, 68, Dunster-st., Northampton; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, 20, Wyatt-st., Kirkdale, Liverpool; Mr. and Mrs. W. Adams, 11, Chester-rd., Canling, Tower, E.16; Mr. and Mrs. Colver, 25, Park-rd., West Ham; Mr. and Mrs. P. Skinner, 61, Tarring-rd., Worthing; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Webb, 78, Grand-rd., Raynes Park, S.W.20; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Colver, 25, Park-rd., West Ham, E.15. SILVER WEDDINGS—Mr. and Mrs. P. Beorran, 33, Varcoe-rd., London, S.E.16; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Berry, 25, Ebury-rd., Crofton Park, London, S.E.4; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, 12, Fairfield-st., Pemberton, Wigan; Mr. and Mrs. A. Webb, 83, Grand-rd., Ipswich; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, 40, Tasman-rd., S.W.9; Mr. and Mrs. George Foss, 16, Signal Works-rd., Fazakerley,



"IT TAKES A SAMSON to swing one of these," says Mr. Arthur Wright, long distance driver of Manchester (on the left). "But it's all in the day's work. I have to be on the road by six o'clock and what a rush it would be for my wife to get me off if it weren't for the 30-second breakfast! Kellogg's are no trouble and they're ready in a jiffy—and I prefer Kellogg's because they're so crisp."

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**T**HE little man, standing silent and respectful, struck a jarring note in the richly furnished room. His clothes, clean though shabby, looked even shabbier in contrast to the fine attire of the two men playing chess at a table in front of him.

The onlooker followed the game closely. He was itching to speak, to give advice—especially to one of the players. But the little man knew his station in life: knew that he was only an obscure Jew and that the men seated before him were noblemen, one of them no other than the wealthy, powerful Landgrave of Hesse.

The atmosphere grew more tense as the game went on. The Jew remained silent, hardly daring to move. The Landgrave's frown deepened. His position on the board was far from good.

Turning his head, the Landgrave noticed for the first time the man standing respectfully behind his chair. "Do you play chess?" asked the Landgrave.

"Yes," replied the Jew, "and if your Highness will make this move the game will be decided in your favour in three moves."

That move did more than enable the Landgrave to win the game—it paved the way to the building up of the most powerful dynasty of money the world has known, the house of Rothschild.

For the man who had proffered so humbly his advice as a chess expert was Meyer Amschel Rothschild, founder of his golden line.

On such slender threads do the

origins of the mighty depend! Meyer had gone to the Landgrave's palace to give expert advice in a dispute about old coins which had arisen between the Landgrave and another nobleman.

Chance decreed that that game of chess should be in progress when Rothschild called. Ordinarily he would have given his humble opinion on the dispute and gone back to his home in the ghetto.

But his skill as a chess player appealed to the Landgrave, and it was to this skill that the Jew owed his chance to mount the ladder of fame and riches.

## RED SHIELD

**AND** to what fame did his House rise! In three generations the family soared from obscurity to vast influence.

Let all the superlatives be written and the word picture falls to convey to the reader the financial despotism, the incredible power, which the Rothschild millions possessed.

Autocrats of the world of gold, lords a hundred years ago of peace and war, money Caesars bestriding the financial world, the Rothschilds, being princes, kings and nations to their will, making or destroying as they wished, the Rothschilds went their golden way, making in about a hundred years more than £400,000,000.

Though in their day the House of Rothschild hoarded millions of money in personal advances to princes and other people of title, it never set out to get such business. "If there is a question of a loan let it be to a State," was the guiding motto of the dynasty.

Yet a few generations before they were handling the vast and intricate business they had built up, their ancestor, Amschel Moses, living in Jew-st., Frankfurt, was just managing to keep his overcrowded, poverty-stricken home going.

Life was none too kind to Amschel. For years he had been a hawker in Hanover. But trade in London and that he took the staff of the wanderer and eventually settled in the Frankfurt ghetto, where the founder of the dynasty was born.

Over the door of the dark little house in Jew-st. Amschel had affixed a red shield (Roths Schild). In those days in the early eighteenth century there were no numbers on the doors of houses, and signs were put up to distinguish one family from another.

Here in this house in 1743 the first of the House of Rothschild was born. Thirty-seven years later, when he was on his way to affluence, he bought the humble house. By that time it had a number and the red of the shield had given way to green.

But in the memory of the people of the ghetto the shield stayed red, and so Meyer Amschel, the founder of the dynasty, was called Rothschild.

Meyer was only twelve years old when his father died. There had been little ambition or drive in the old man, and he died as he had lived, an obscure member of the Jewish trading community.

## VAGUE PLANS

**BUT** he had managed to send his son to the famous Talmud school at Furth to study, and Meyer was there when the old man died. Young though he was, the boy had to give up his studies and return to Frankfurt.

There he tried to maintain the retail business that his father had run. Inexperience and youth were against him. The business failed and Meyer was left to fend for himself in a hostile world.

Little has been handed down about the early boyhood days of Meyer Amschel Rothschild. But it seems certain that he knew more tribulation than happiness, more repression than boyish delights.

When he abandoned the hopeless task of running the business, Meyer went to Hanover, the town where his father had failed to get a living as a hawker. There Fate balanced accounts by giving the youth a chance to lay the foundations of his fortune.

He got a humble job in the Oppenheimer Bank. His industry served him well. The years passed, and with them came steady promotion.

He worked hard, and so well that Oppenheimer took him into partnership. Most men coming from the ghetto would have been content. But not Meyer. There was in him a driving ambition which would not be stifled.

He made a clean break with Oppenheimer, packed up the partnership and went back to Frankfurt, then the most prosperous town in Germany. His plans were vague and for some time he was

# CHESS GAME THAT STARTED A

In the annals of high finance there is perhaps no more glamorous name than that of the Rothschilds. Caesars of money, they went their golden way, bestriding the financial world like a Colossus, bending kings and princes to their will.

And here, in the second article of an absorbing new series, is the story of how the House was founded from a Frankfurt ghetto, when the first of the line intervened by chance in a noblemen's game of chess.

# MONEY LORDS

# of the WORLD

content to look around before launching on what was to prove his real career.

Frankfurt was an important money centre, and often the money changers needed expert help. Meyer gave them that help. His reputation grew. He was honest and discreet—two cardinal virtues as rare then as they are today.

As confidence and trust in his abilities increased, so did his income, and soon he bought in Jew-st. the house where he had been born.

Two things he studied as his business grew—chess and old coins—and it was due to his deep knowledge of these subjects that Meyer got the chance his ambitious soul craved.

After his cousin at the Palace the Landgrave employed Meyer searching for old coins. Then as his confidence in the Jew grew, the nobleman entrusted to him more important tasks.

Meyer began to negotiate bills for the supply of German mercenaries. In six days there was an immense traffic in men. And out of this traffic came huge sums for the Landgrave and, of course, smaller sums for his agent.

But for the help of the young Landgrave, later Prince William I of Hesse and one of the richest monarchs of his time, the Rothschilds might never have attained their eminence. For in 1801 Meyer was appointed Upper Court Agent to the Landgrave, and his feet were set firmly on the road to success.

## PRINCE'S WEALTH

**BY** the time Meyer had piled up responsibilities as a family man—ten responsibilities in fact, for at night he and his wife had gathered around them ten children.

In 1806, when Meyer's star was in the ascendant, there was another crisis in the family. The Landgrave had to leave his possessions and flee before French invaders, leaving Meyer to handle his affairs.

Meyer invested safely the greater part of the Prince's wealth. To Nathan, his son, who was engaged in a commercial career in London, he sent on one occasion £600,000, which was well invested. Some of the Prince's treasures were

## By JOHN ADDISON

hidden in the cellar of the Rothschild house in Jew-st.

When the Prince was free to return to Hanau in 1813, Meyer, the founder of his House, was dead. But his sons, with the scrupulous honesty which had marked the career of their father, returned to the Prince all his money and valuables, together with considerable interest.

The result was that throughout the courts and exchanges of Europe the prince's reports of the fairness and integrity of the Rothschilds.

When Meyer knew that death was near he summoned to his bedside in the house in the ghetto his five sons. Three of them were already established in London, Vienna and Paris, set up in business by the great wealth amassed by their far-seeing father.

"Work together," said the old man to his sons. "Discuss and carry out in unison your common affairs. Ask advice of your mother as long as she lives."

In the sinking banker's eyes was the light of prophetic fire. He saw a vision of a great banking firm, a House, stronger and more powerful than any other, an eagle of finance dominating the money markets of the world.

He knew that though he had done big things his sons would dwarf him in the magnitude of their operations.

## PEACE OR WAR

**T**HE sons followed his advice and proved the truth of the father's vision.

The House grew and grew. Every big loan was made and planned by the brothers. And the three branches of the firm in London, Vienna and Paris worked together. When there was family or big commercial business to discuss the sons left their luxurious homes and came to see their wonderful old mother in the little house whose door still bore the red shield.

More than once at these conferences in the house in Jew-st. rested the issue of peace or war in Europe. Those five men, and the mother who bore them, held in their hands the happiness or misery of whole nations. From that house in the ghetto came messages which upset Governments and removed ministers from office. The House of Rothschild had spoken. Money bred money. The House rose in power. The sons became barons, their name was a synonym for absolute financial sway.

And the little white-haired woman lived on in the little house until her death there at the age of ninety-four.

The sons were then established in princely banking houses at PARIS (James), LONDON (Nathan), VIENNA (Solomon), NAPLES (Charles), FRANKFURT (Amschel).

Nathan, the third of the brothers, had the biggest gifts. When Meyer had sent the Landgrave's money to London he had felt that Nathan would surpass in importance his brothers.

The Founder of the House had had clear vision. For when Nathan came to London in 1798, and Napoleon was playing the role of Europe's bogeyman, he had quickly extended the range of his operations.

## SCHEMES UPSET

**AT** the outbreak of the Napoleonic war in Spain, Nathan undertook the payment of the English army there. He had not only vision, he had courage. He bought from the East India Company gold worth £800,000, and when the Government confessed that they did not know how to get it to Portugal, sent it himself through France. That was about 1809.

Then came the Hundred Days War. The bogeyman was loose again. The news came to London that gold was needed for the army. Herries, chief clerk to the Exchequer, approached Nathan and got it.

The services of the London branch of the House of Rothschild to England and Prussia during the Hundred Days were incalculable, although Napoleon's final defeat brought colossal profit to the sons of the Frankfurt ghetto.

But before they got those profits it seemed as one time that even the impregnable House of Rothschild would not survive this alarming crisis. The return of the little Corsican had upset Nathan's financial plans. His whole fortune and that of his House were at stake.

Nathan acted. He went to the Continent and followed the English army. Before his eyes was unrolled the battle which decided the mastery of Europe.

He saw Napoleon's Imperial Guards hurled back by the British line, saw the Frenchmen routed, knew that Napoleon was finished. He took horse to Brussels, and from there travelled by carriage to Ostend. A raging sea was pounding the harbour. Seamen shrank in terror from the Channel crossing. But Nathan persuaded one brave captain to make the trip on condition that an advance of 2,000 francs was made to his wife before he took his ship out.

The tiny vessel was nearly swamped before she reached Dover, and Nathan was more dead than alive when the ship made port. An express post carried him quickly to London.

## GREAT COUP

**T**HE next morning Nathan was the central figure in one of the biggest money dramas of history. He took his usual stand on 'Change. He looked, as he was, exhausted. He was pale and shaken.

Rumour spread like wildfire. The Allies had been defeated. Napoleon was coming! Members noticed the pallor of Nathan's face. The Caesar of money was admitting defeat. It was the end! Rothschild himself, the man who had been unshaken by storms of finance or of war, was crumbling.

Panic came to the House. Fear grew as the rate of exchange fell. The agents of the House of Rothschild were offering securities for sale. It was the end! Banks wavered. A flood of securities was thrown on to the market. Prices toppled until sellers were taking any offer.

But all the time secret agents of the House of Rothschild were buying, buying, buying. When they had bought enough Nathan told the panic-stricken Exchange the news—that Napoleon had been routed. They laughed at him, refused to believe him, thought he was tricking them.

The following day, when the news was confirmed and rates went soaring they knew that Nathan had been right. So did Rothschild. His trip to the Continent had been worth while. That day of feverish buying and selling had netted him a profit of more than a million sterling.

Europe entered into a period of peace and the House of Rothschild proved that it could make money out of constructive vision as well as out of warring States.

In that transitional epoch the nations expanded. Railways rose in power. The breath of industrialism infused new life into business. The House of Rothschild

# GOLDEN DYNASTY

financed and backed men of vision who saw railways running the length and breadth of Europe.

The House built railways in Europe and South America; it launched boldly into the seas of commerce. It bought up tobacco harvests, carried the weed across the Atlantic in its own ships, marketed it through its own agents.

By the middle of the century the Rothschilds were referred to as a world power.

Nathan had handed the reins to his son, Baron Lionel Rothschild. He could not have chosen a successor more worthy to carry on the

great traditions of the House. It was Lionel who played a leading part in the drama of the Suez Canal shares. The year was 1875 and Rothschild was dining with the great Disraeli. A telegram came for the statesman. It revealed that the Khedive of Egypt had offered his

shares in the canal undertaking to the French Government for £4,000,000.

"We'll have them," said Disraeli—and Britain got them. A few days afterwards, when the deal had been through, Disraeli wrote to Queen Victoria: "It is just settled. You have it, madam. The French Government has been out-generalled. Four million sterling and almost immediately. There was only one firm that could do it—Rothschilds. They behaved admirably and advanced the money at a low rate."

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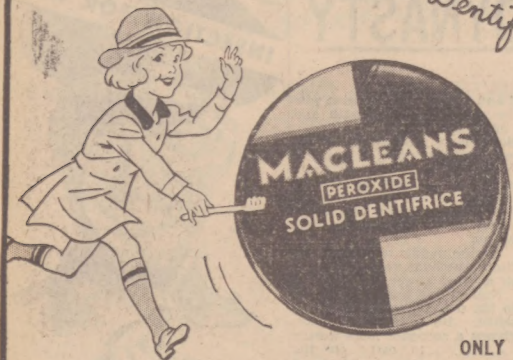
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## PUBLIC OPINION

A human record of how people are feeling the strain of war  
**NO. 12. MR. BAXTER AND MR. BRUNT, OF BOGNOR**  
(as told by Mr. Baxter)



"At first I thought the war would hit everyone equally. I was wrong, as you'll see. It hit me like an avalanche, even though my musical work was not permanently or seriously affected."



"But anxiety about the war began to tell on my nerves. I got badly run-down and my sleep suffered. It wasn't insomnia, I could sleep all night and still feel as if I hadn't slept a wink."



"Now, if my friend Mr. Brunt had broken down, there would have been good reason. His shop suffered, like many others, in the first shock of war. Besides, he was working like a Trojan as a 'Special'."



"Yet, when I ran across him, he was as bright as ever. Things will settle down. Anyway, it'll be worse for the Boche than for us," he said. Then I realised there was something wrong with me."



"So I saw a doctor. It was all a matter of sleep, he told me. People belong to different sleep groups—there are three groups altogether. I was in Group 2. Therefore, even when I slept my full eight hours, my brain and nerves were kept awake by the body's acid waste products. That explained my 'nervous' and tiredness and the way war anxiety was playing me up. He told me that Horlicks at bedtime could put me right."



"And sure enough, Horlicks poured new energy and strength into me. I'm calmer and my work is all the better for steady nerves. I feel fit enough to join Mr. Brunt on his Special Constabulary work."

## There are 3 Sleep Groups

WHICH DO YOU BELONG TO?



### 1st SLEEP GROUP

The people who are best fortified to stand war strain belong to this group. Their sleep is the kind that restores body, nerves and brain completely. They may spend only 5 or 6 hours in bed and yet are never handicapped by "nerves" or tiredness. Theirs is the thoroughly refreshing 1st Group Sleep that everyone should have and that Horlicks gives.

### 2nd SLEEP GROUP

This group is made up of people who seem to sleep well enough yet find it impossible to stand up to war worry and anxiety. They get tired easily, feel "nervy," can't keep their mind on things. The reason is that excess acid waste products in the blood activate their brain and nerves at night. Hospital tests prove Horlicks corrects this.

### 3rd SLEEP GROUP

The people who are least able to stand war strain belong to this group. They sleep badly—can't get to sleep, lie awake at night, or wake tired in the morning. Their trouble is the same as that of people in Group 2, to an even greater degree. Hospital tests prove that Horlicks overcomes this condition, ensures 1st Group Sleep.

HOW are you taking the war? It's a curious fact that some people suffer much more than others from war strain. Even though they sleep 8 or 9 hours every night they feel depressed, "nervy," tired, unable to throw off war worry.

Scientists explain it by pointing out that a great many people belong to the wrong sleep group. We are all classified into 3 levels or groups of sleep.

Those who belong to the 1st Sleep Group get perfect rest for their brain and nerves even from a short night's sleep. They find they can stand up splendidly to war worry and anxiety.

But the trouble with people in the 2nd and 3rd Sleep Groups is that their brain and nerves are kept active all night by the body's excess acid waste products which accumulate in the blood.

Scientists, experimenting with various foods and drinks, discovered that Horlicks alone completely neutralized those excess acid waste products. Taken at bedtime, Horlicks gives body, nerves and brain complete repose, and ensures 1st Group Sleep every night.

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## Betty Blue Says Put Up Your STARS and STRIPES

OH to say good-bye to the old winter coat. That's what most of us are longing to do, and to plan a new little skipperty sunshine outfit. The young and slith will doubtless lead the lead of Mr. Cochran's Young Ladies—short, straight skirt and an odd little jacket in gay stripes or noisy checks. Stripes, perhaps, are easier to wear. Gold and black, pink and blue, claret and lemon are three of the latest colour pairs in stripes.

Then there's the hat, or the turban, which has found such favour for all-weather wear. It's so easy, a twisted scarf in a becoming colour, knotted or looped in front, with a badge brooch or a shining star.

The star's the thing, believe me, if you don't want to show favouritism to any of the boys—bless 'em, aren't they all, Air, Army, Navy and Merchant Service, doing the same good work.

Which reminds me of home on leave, weddings and other celebration days, when we want something extra snappy to fascinate them with.

What about a new two-piece? I found one even for mother. A pretty floral frock in printed marocain, with heart-shaped neckline and a slip-on coat, with petal-shaped revers in plain-looking rayon. The outfit complete, in navy, lido, brown, or black, for one guinea, post free. The sizes are hips 46, 48, 50, 52 and 54 in. Really well-designed outside styles.

Average and slim girls, there's a similar bargain for you. Dress with short sleeves, smart yoke, and a bit of a swing in the skirt in pretty floral rayon crepe. Coat, edge to edge, in satin back rayon marocain, in navy, brown, lido, and black, and hip sizes 40, 42 and 44 in. The same price, one guinea, the two-piece, post free.

I shall be pleased to select one for you, as usual, but all money except cheques and P.O.s to be registered to Betty Blue, "The People," Acre House, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.



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## HOUSEHOLD ABC

ACHIEVE the best results with a minimum of labour. That's the best motto. So you'll need a plan. Have all necessary repairs done first. Work on one room at a time. Sort out your cupboards and drawers and don't make the mistake of doing too much in one day.

BALANCE your work. For instance, don't mix the dry cleaning and dusting with wash-day. Take down soft furnishings, shake, and send to the laundry or dry cleaners. Those curtains, etc., which you like to wash yourself, place in a neat pile ready for the wash-tub.

CHIMNEY. You'll have these swept first of all, of course. Cover the furniture with dust sheets and have the curtains removed before this vital task is undertaken. Open the windows wide to get the sooty smell out of the rooms.

FITTINGS. Set a morning aside for cleaning these. Stair rods, curtain supports, picture cords, etc. Then keep them all together so that you do not waste time looking for them when they have to be replaced.

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MATRESSES should be well aired and brushed, tabs sewn on, if missing. Beat pillows and bolsters.

NEEDLES. Journey from the top to the bottom of the house can be avoided if you remember to keep some extra dusters, a soft and hard broom, tin of floor polish and furniture cream in the cupboard of the room you are turning out. And have two large pockets to your apron to hold odd and ends.

Oil the hinges of the doors and cupboards in each room as you finish your clean.

Five shillings has been awarded to the following readers for hints beginning with P. Q. R.

POTATO-WATER is a well-known cleanser for woollen garments, carpets, rugs, etc., but few know how to make it. Grate raw potatoes into a pint of cold water. Strain through a sieve, allowing the liquid to run into another pint of water. Let this settle, and then strain off the clear part and bottle for use. When required, dip a sponge into the fluid and rub soiled parts carefully. Rinse afterwards with clear cold water.—Mrs. L. de Bock, 4 Church-rd., Margate, Kent.

QUITE a lot of people throw old umbrellas away as useless, but a wise gardener will keep the spokes if at least they make excellent supports for flowers: better than sticks, and when they are sun-dried green they are scarcely noticeable in the garden.—Mrs. J. Clark, 96 Alexander-st., Aldrie, Scotland.

RECORDS. Break up your old discarded gramophone records into very small pieces. Place them in an empty tin with enough methylated spirit to cover them. Put on the lid tightly and leave in a warm place for a week. Then open the tin, stir in a few drops of turpentine, and then proceed to use this good black paint for any painting job you like. It is a good save.—Mrs. Ethel Jones, 63 Park View, Aberystwyth, Wales.

Prizes of 5s. will be awarded for the best hints beginning with S. T. U. Entries must be written on postcards (not enclosed in envelopes) addressed to "Mrs. X" c/o "The People," 72, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, and should reach this office not later than Wednesday, April 10.

VENTILATE all rooms, cupboards, larder and before returning furniture and contents to them. This is best done before replacing curtains and loose covers.

WASHING the "hard" and "soft" equipment will present little difficulty. If you have household soap, ammonia, borax, a good soap powder, a bag of blue, a bottle of paraffin and some turps in the household cupboard.

## Say It Without Sugar

By "HOUSEWIFE"

WE are all on the sugar save. An extra half pound saved means another pot of jam for next winter. Yet we don't like doing away with the sweet course at tea or dinner.

Send in your tested recipe for a sugarless cake. A fruit tart without sugar, a rice pudding, using figs, dates, honey, syrup or sultanas, or anything else which saves you dipping into the sugar basin.

Save the Sugar recipes are wanted. Write yours on a postcard and 5s. will be paid for each one published next Sunday. Address it to arrive not later than Wednesday, April 10, to "Housewife," "The People," Acre House, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

Here are last week's winning curry recipes:—

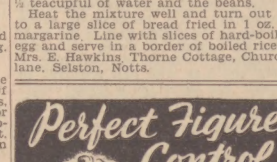
**CURRIED SHEEP'S HEAD**  
REMOVE meat from bones. Cut into neat dice. Fry two small onions in a good tablespoonful of fat until just turning colour. Add a tablespoonful of dry curry powder and fry together for a few minutes. Gradually add a teaspoonful of milk and a tablespoonful of desiccated coconut, salt to taste.

Add meat, and if liked any or all of the following: 1 lb. cold beef, mix with a chopped carrot, apple, 1 dessert-spoonful of raisins or dates, 1 teaspoonful of curry powder and grated nutmeg, 1 stick of cut rhubarb (if in season) or 1 tomato. Fry an onion in a little fat until soft and brown, and add to the meat mixture. Season with salt and pepper and add enough stock to make the mixture a porridge consistency.

Put into a pie-dish, cover with pastry and cook in a moderate oven for 30 minutes. Very tasty.—Mrs. J. F. Vickery, 20, Bushy Park, Bristol, 4.

**EGG AND HARICOT CURRY**  
SOAK 1/2 pint of haricot beans overnight and boil until tender but not broken. Drain and put aside. Mince 1 onion and fry in fat until a golden brown. Stir in 1 tablespoonful of curry powder, 2 skinned and sliced tomatoes, the juice of 1 lemon, 1/2 teaspoonful of water and the beans.

Heat the mixture well, turn out on to a large slice of bread fried in 1 oz. of margarine. Line with slices of hard-boiled egg and serve in a border of boiled rice. Mrs. E. Hawkins, Thorne Cottage, Church-lane, Selston, Notts.



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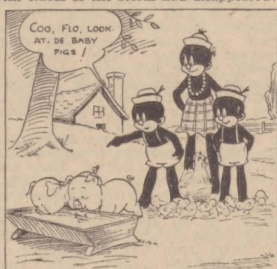
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### Rovers of the Deep—Episode 10

### Escape from Disaster!



as the submarine came to the surface. Bob and Betty, little the worse for their tremendous ordeal, decided to watch the repairs being made in the engine room. "Looks like a long job," exclaimed the captain. "We need new parts, but how we are going to get them I don't know." "What about the aeroplane Uncle showed us before we started—couldn't we use that?" cried Bob. "A splendid idea!" decided Captain Mack, and immediately gave orders for the plane to be made ready. A moving platform, rather like a lift, raised the plane to the deck of the Silver Fish. Jumping into the cockpit, the pilot received his final instructions from Mr. Steele and the captain. Then the movement of a lever, and the plane shot into the air like a bullet from a gun. "If all goes well, I should be back in about eight hours," explained the captain. "Eight...nine...ten hours went by. And still there was no sign of the plane."



The Twins were having a grand time on the farm. "Coo, Flo!" exclaimed the first twin. "Look at the baby pigs—aren't they gorgeous?" "Well, replied Flo doubtfully, as



the little pigs ate and ate. "I wouldn't call them exactly gorgeous!" They are gorgeous, 'cos they eat too much!" cried the twin, as he fell over sleeping father pig.

"I don't like it," said Mr. Steele. "Jackson, the pilot, is much over the top. I'm pretty sure it isn't the plane's fault!" "Uncle! Uncle!" came a cry from Bob, who was wandering gloomily round one of the lower decks. "Listen!" he exclaimed, as Mr. Steele came hurrying down the stairway. "Can you hear something moving in Jackson's cabin?"

Mr. Steele flung open the door—there was Jackson lying on the floor bound hand and foot and gagged!

(Be sure to see next week's episode.)

### PUZZLE COMPETITION

£1: 15s.; 10s.; 10 Half-crowns as Prizes. A little girl has sent me a puzzle. I cannot solve it and would like you to help me. All I have is a torn label (see picture below) and four clues—one for each line.



CLUES:  
1. The name of a nursery rhyme king who had three fiddlers.  
2. The name of this road reminds one of a palace once owned by a cardinal.  
3. Oliver Twist asked for this.  
4. A well-known town in South Wales.

Can you work out the clues and then complete the names and address? Please write what you think it is on a postcard bearing a PENNY STAMP and send this to reach me at latest on Wednesday, April 10. Address your cards to "Puzzle Competition," Cheery Coons' Corner, 67, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Extra marks can be earned for neatness.

Miss Mary S. Ham, Small, Car

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## Naval Dramas of the Great War

## SURRENDER!

FISHERMEN'S NETS MADE  
A U-BOAT TRAPBy Lieut.-Commander  
E. KEBLE CHATTERTON

**D**URING the winter of 1915-1916 Germany hurriedly constructed a flotilla of medium-sized submarines, which were to be based on Zeebrugge and thence be chiefly employed at the English Channel's eastern end. Handiness rather than speed was aimed at, with ability to wriggle their way through the Dover Straits bar.

But, since their best rate when under water barely exceeded five knots they would either have to wait for a fair tide beneath that defile by day, or else risk the passage on the surface by night at nine knots.

Carrying two officers and twenty-one men, torpedoes, a deck-gun, but no mines, it was the intention to send these craft against troop-ships, store-steamer, munition carriers, which used to cross from England to such ports as Boulogne and Havre. Thus was evolved a design displacing 290 tons, when running submerged, and 260 tons along the surface. Altogether twenty-nine were completed by August, 1916.

Now of this class UB-26 was entrusted to Ober-Leutnant W. Smiths, and on

March 19 she came out of the Ems. Keeping from two to three miles clear of the Dutch coast, she got within Zeebrugge's horse-shoe mole two days later, looked into the canal, motored past the peaceful banks up to Bruges, replenished with food and water, then began her hostile cruise as the month was ending.

From the Flanders naval headquarters Smiths had obtained a set of charts showing the positions where his brother officers had laid German minefields off the Belgian coast, and where they surmised British mines existed.

Another chart indicated the position observed by other U-boats regarding our Dover Net Barrage, extending from the South Goodwins. Smiths felt quite confident of an easy trip and then a safe return to Bruges.

fishermen crews, had been sent across to Havre for the purpose of catching the most modern types of war craft. What possible chance could the former's clumsy, old-fashioned efforts achieve against clever inventions with electric power and torpedo-tubes, periscopes and ability to remain unseen?

When the news of a submarine outside was made known to Lieut. J. McLoughlin, R.N.R., commanding the six drifters, his little flotilla were inside the basin. The tide would not have risen sufficiently for the gates to be opened until 7.40 a.m.

Three valuable hours! Meanwhile the enemy might torpedo steamers, sink their valuable cargoes and scurry away. McLoughlin did his best, and at the first opportunity took his units to sea. None of their homely names suggested any sort of warship, yet here they were—Endurance, Welcome Star, Stately, Comrades, Pleiades and Pleasance—proud to fly the naval White Ensign over their stern.

## Taking the Bait

It was 10.15 a.m. by the time Pleiades had reached a spot two miles west of the Whistling Buoy and shot her nets, but the other drifters quickly followed. Endurance had already laid part of hers when she was observed to fire rockets. Such a signal meant one thing: "Submarine in my nets."

But just before this Comrades had experienced a curious dull shock as of something bumping beneath the vessel's bottom, though she was puzzled to know the reason. Then Endurance felt an ugly collision when a periscope struck her rudder so heavily as to make further steering impossible. Like a big fish running wild after swallowing the bait, the submarine was rushing off with as much net as had been laid.

Skipper T. Wylie then paid out the rest most skillfully—let the big fish have it all, neither too quickly nor so that the mesh should be broken. Finally, when he came to the last fathom, he let go, since his damaged rudder did not allow him to manoeuvre, but took note that the "whale" was winding off part of the net. Wylie was convinced beyond-doubt that the strange creature had developed herself in the netting.

Keen with enthusiasm and fighting spirit, the other five drifters on hearing the rocket steamed up, closed round Endurance and encircled the German. To get through such a cordon would have been well nigh impossible.

Along dashed the French torpedo-boat Le Trombe, which with typical Gallic élan swung herself into position near Endurance, sighted the latter's indication buoy still marking the moving nets, and acted promptly. Somewhere below that buoy must be the submarine, so again and again the torpedo-boat steamed across the spot, dropping explosive bombs splendidly placed.

## Many Surprises

Neither Smiths, nor the other twenty-two wanted to die of those violent shocks. Three terrific concussions sufficed, and up to the surface rose the entangled UB-26. "We surrender!" Without waiting further, some of the German sailors leapt overboard. Welcome Star by means of a line rescued five, then launched her boat and took three others, including the officers, who were put aboard Le Trombe.

Stately, likewise, saved seven, while the warship picked up some more. While the quick ending to Herr Smiths' cruise, and another vacancy in the brotherhood at Bruges would soon be noticeable.

But a good many surprises were being handed out to our foes at sea even in the Mediterranean, where we found the task by no means easier. As an island nation, dependent for our very existence on shipping, we could never be forgetful of marine importance.

Just as today, so then, sailors of every sort in small craft and big vessels stepped forth to assist with their special abilities. Some, for instance, in those 80-foot motor launches, were able to do uncommonly good work both in the Middle Sea and Narrows, as when sweeping up mines or destroying submarines.

But was there ever a stranger incident than that which happened on September 17, 1916? It was ten o'clock in the forenoon, the British s.s. Belleview was bound for Egypt, and as deck cargo she carried four of these M.L.s which were to be unloaded at Port Said to patrol the Suez Canal.

third. Though the German certainly escaped by the slender means, the British sailors were anxious to learn something more about these samples, and eventually brought them into British. There, after examination, the oil was discovered to be of the heavy mineral type, such as used for lubricating engines. The other article either was wool plucked from a mattress, or else cotton waste used for cleaning motors.

However, it would take a lot of bitter disappointment to make such men as these North Sea fishers downhearted. They returned to their jobs, tried again for another "catch," and before the month ended another bit of excitement occurred.

I wrote just now of the UB-type of submarine, which had been recently building. By reason of its size, this could be put on the railway in sections and sent overland from Germany to the Adriatic. Thus, for instance, UB-44 was sent to Pola and commissioned that month under the command of Ober-Leutnant F. Wagner.

Perhaps he was less clever than some of his brother officers; perhaps only less fortunate, and lacking experience of the Adriatic. On July 30, while making his way via the Otranto Straits, submerged as usual, he fouled the nets of H.M. Drifter Quarry Knave at 6.30 a.m.

Skipper W. Bruce perceived the same exciting signs as previously mentioned: the sudden, weighty strain, and the wire rope riding vertically down. Yes, the air bubbles, too.

Again Garrigill was there: Meg as well. They went to the assistance of Quarry Knave, as did the drifter Bono. There could be no questioning the fact that only a submarine must be exerting such a dead heaviness, nor could gear hold out much longer.

## A Warning Wire

Another wire was shackled on to afford more play, and when Garrigill steamed alongside he was so certain in hope that he dropped over the spot a depth-charge. This exploded all right, yet still the strain persisted.

What to do now? Drop a second bomb! That likewise did its work, but the submarine showed no signs of response. No propellers revolved ahead or astern. Neither forward nor after hydroplanes moved.

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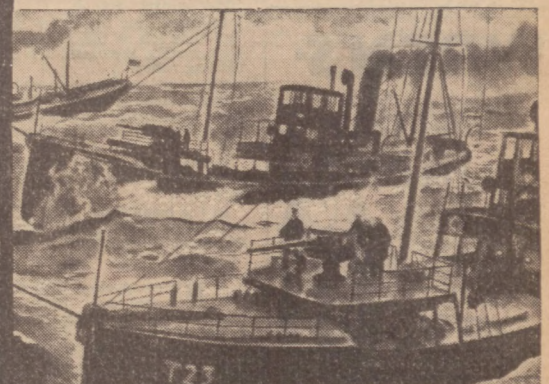
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MR. CHURCHILL

NAMED "The Grand Warmonger" by the Nazis and "The War Boss" by some Americans, Mr. Winston Churchill, who is neither of these things, is called upon nevertheless to play a tremendous part in the world drama of today. But for his appointment as president of our Defence Council, the Cabinet changes would have caused little stir at home or abroad. As it is, an otherwise unimportant reshuffle of the old pack is made significant because this ace has been brought to the top.

"Winnie" has always been something of a card, as the Midlanders would put it, and for sheer force of personality he has no rival among our public men. His "opposite number" in Germany—General, I beg his pardon, Field-Marshal Goering—stands out among the Nazi leaders in much the same way. And it is not surprising that the neutral world should now regard these two men as the master fighters in this fantastic and terrible war.

ACTUALLY, of course, Churchill wields no power comparable to that of Goering. The latter is supreme war chief of Germany, though he still pays homage to Hitler in every speech.

Churchill, on the other hand, retains his full-time job at the Admiralty, and his new post merely increases his influence on our fighting policy.

There are many people who feel—and your correspondent is one of them—that it would have been better to make him chief of an inner War Cabinet such as we had in the last war.

Reynaud has formed one of a sort in France, and Mr. Chamberlain may have to do so before very long.

In the meanwhile, however, there is an unmistakable general impression that "Winnie" will make things hum.

BY comparison with Churchill's "promotion," the other Cabinet changes, up or down, have scarcely been talked over at all.

Lord Chatfield and his Office seem to have been sunk practically without trace. He was, you remember, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence and apparently the Ministry is "redundant."

One cannot help wondering why this was not discovered sooner, but, at all events, Lord Chatfield has received and no doubt deserved warm thanks for his services.

For the rest, Sir Kingsley Wood and Sir Samuel Hoare have merely "swapped places." Sir Kingsley has done staunch work at the Air Ministry, but they say he was a weary man.

It is to be hoped that Sir Samuel is still "full of beans" and that his colleague may find the office of Lord Privy Seal a thought less strenuous!

The only newcomer to the Cabinet is a relatively young business man, Lord Woolton, chairman of Lewis's, Ltd., the great North Country chain stores.

He is now our Food Minister and, though it may be a pity that he has to sit in the Upper Instead of the Lower House, he should prove a good man for this highly important office.

YOU must not suppose, all you readers of this page—and sometimes it makes me frightened to think how many of you there are—that my references to Mr. Churchill are intended to belittle the Premier.

For I think that Neville Chamberlain is, in his own way, a grand and honest statesman. He never wanted this war and he went to dangerous extremes to avoid it.

If he made mistakes, forget them and remember only that he was dealing with a traitor and a villain and that "the Munich betrayal" shattered his faith as it never shattered yours or mine.

Hitler had talked to Chamberlain: we only read of their conversation. Hitler put his signature to a sort of "friendship pact" under Chamberlain's very eyes. We read nothing but the newspaper reports.

WE shall win this war. Have no doubt about that. Goering, addressing the youths who are doomed to die for the false cross of the Swastika, told them a few days ago that "when Hitler wants to end the war" he will be able and ready to strike his decisive blow on the Western Front.

But Goering said much the same thing six months ago, and again more recently. In September there was at least some chance of a tremendous "blitzkrieg."

Now—as Mr. Chamberlain succinctly puts it—Hitler has "missed the bus."

For, in seven relatively "uneventful" months, the Allies have swung over the "balance of power." They have broken the U-boat menace. They have countered the magnetic mine.

They have established an undeniable ascendancy—man for man and machine for machine—in the air. They do not court, but they are not afraid of, "totalitarian warfare in the skies."

They are not only planning, but have already planned, a shipbuilding programme which will provide them with fresh tonnage faster than the diminishing submarine blockade can sink the old.

And they have assured their food supplies to such an extent that there is no immediate danger of shortage and no likelihood that the enemy can ever hope to win an "economic siege."

HOWEVER you look at it, the news of the past week has been heartening. Unemployment was, perhaps, our principal weakness. Now we find that the workless total has been reduced in a single month by more than it ever was before.

It is true that we still have more than a million idle hands, whereas the enemy is

**Thought for Today**  
A PESSIMIST WITH A SPADE  
WOULDN'T DIG FOR VICTORY,  
HE'D BURY IT.

using "slave labour" and forced labour and demanding incredible hours—up to seventy a week—from his civilian working classes.

But we are still taking up the slack of the change-over from peace to war. In a few months' time we may hope—though the Government deserves small credit for the change—to see all our able-bodied men and women at work again.

And, when that happens, remember that one voluntary worker is always worth at least two conscripts!

NATURALLY, it is not enough for us to speed up all our own war efforts; to "dig for victory"; to fight for export trade; and to "counter the enemy's initiative."

But it seems to "Man o' the People" that we have now abandoned the passive role altogether. Next Thursday the House is to meet in secret session once again, and this time the only subject of debate will be our blockade of Germany and how to tighten it.

Churchill has warned the neutrals already. He has told them that "their weakness" cannot be allowed indefinitely to "feed the aggressor's strength and fill to overflowing the cup of human woe."

And that, I think must mean that the Allies are ready now to stop up the last leaks and loopholes in the blockade and, as the war goes on, "to increase its strangling effect" and "drain the lifeblood out of our enemy" in this "war of wills."

MORE and more the Allied Governments are showing their determination—and their ability—to carry the economic war into the enemy's country.

## CIGARETTE PAPERS

"NAZI warplanes," says a novelist, "are birds of ill-omen." But someone put Syll on their tails.

"Dancing," says an article, "will help us to win the war." Jig for victory and let the people spring!

TODAY'S PROVERBS  
The heart that's full of courage,  
Will win the final battle.  
When everything seems lost.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "FIREMAN GEORGE"  
In a way, it's a pity that I'm going to be a dashing R.A.F. Squadron-Leader when I grow up. Well, it's not a pity, exactly, because to lead a fter squadron must be the most exciting job in the world, and, besides, I should be able to boss Florrie's Sirrel, who's only a corpill, anyway.

But what I mean is, if a man's doing a full-time job, he can't do another one at the same time. Florrie's father dur his own work all day long, and is a Warden all nite, so you see, he can't be Prime Minister as well. Even though he knows far more about prime-ministering than Mr. Chamberlain duz. At least, you'd think so, to hear him talk.

Still, if it wasn't going to be a darling air-pilot, I shouldn't mind being a fireman, because firemen have lots of fun.

The Nazis say that the large Franco-British forces assembled in the Near East are intended, and will be used, to make the Balkans a new theatre of war.

Nobody knows—not even Mr. Churchill or Mr. Chamberlain or Monsieur Reynaud, let alone Hitler and Goering—what General Von Weyand may be constrained to do in future months, but, meanwhile, this great display of force is intended to show the Balkan neutrals that we can protect them if they are attacked.

Turkey is with us in this vast potential field of conflict. And, for once, we seem prepared to meet force with greater force and to challenge the aggressor before he can claim new victims.

Meanwhile, the Allies are making a tremendous economic drive in this area. By the formation of a huge new trading company, Government backed, they hope to intensify the economic war against Germany and to build up an important Anglo-Balkan trade which will endure long after victory has been won.

THERE was, during the past week, only one "piece of news" which caused disquiet in the writer's mind. I refer to the Press interview which Lord Stamp is alleged to have given to newspaper men at the Ministry of Information.

In view of the fact that a question is to be asked in the House this week, I do not propose here to discuss this so-called "interview" at all.

But the fact remains that many influential people are asking for such a "broadening of the basis of taxation" as will leave the rich not much harder hit than they are at present and compel the small and middle incomes—say, from five to twelve pounds a week—to carry a heavier burden.

It was reported that, "naturally," one could not expect to increase the burden on the Old Age Pensioner and the workless man!

"Naturally" is a choice word in this connection. These people—the poorest of the poor—have been given some niggardly and tardy concessions, but, broadly speaking their contribution to the cost of war is proportionately higher than that of any Surtax payer already!

They had not enough to live on adequately before the war started. They will need further assistance before it is over.

IN all sincerity, I believe that the war is going well for us, and that the Premier's ten-fold confidence in victory is fully justified.

But that does not mean that we shall not have to endure stern sacrifice before "Hitlerism" is overthrown and Europe becomes once again a Continent fit for free men to live in.

The Ministry of Food, I see, is about to launch a big advertising campaign with the object of teaching us both how to avoid waste and also how to get the best value out of the food we do eat and grow.

Don't laugh at this campaign. Take it seriously. For it is not unlikely that we shall all have to tighten our belts before the war is over.

Hitherto most civilians—and they may as well face the fact—have not been called upon to meet any real sacrifice.

But they will be called upon to do so sooner or later. Let them take courage. Let them remember that a man can give up almost everything but his faith, and still be happy, and that he can sacrifice all but courage and still keep smiling.

A Man o' the People

## CIGARETTE PAPERS

By The Lounger

His work is clean and thorough; he ploughs his patient furrow; He'll finish off the job, no matter how.

For here he's sure of something on which England can depend; Each horse is true and trusty, a comrade and a friend;

A team of willing helpers who'll be faithful to the end! It's grand to see old England at the plough.

But now I watch the tractor And hear its engine roar— New ploughs that cut their furrows Far faster than before.

They even drive by lamplight When daytime's light is done, To plough the land that feeds the man— The man that feeds the gun.

CHORUS:  
Their work is clean and thorough; they plough an active furrow; The work is ceaselessly advancing now.

With horses of flesh or iron the ploughshare's driving in, To break of leathern harness or engine's rhythmic din.

And soon will come the harvest of victory that we'll win! It's grand to see young England at the plough.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK  
A fellow who cannot keep a watch on his tongue deserves to be on a chain.

THE WORLD ON PARADE  
GRIT IN OIL  
MACHINE

GERMANY, it is estimated, can get via the Danube 1,500,000 tons of oil a year—if she can find the vessels to carry the oil. For weeks past Nazi agents have been combing the banks of the river for every available barge. But in many cases they have arrived too late. The vessels are under charter to Allied agents.

People have talked a lot about how oil is going to stream along the Danube from the Russian oilfields. But that isn't as easy as it looks.

THE Danube at its best and with limitless supplies of transport can handle a million and a half tons of oil. The Lwow railroad working at 100 per cent. efficiency can take 500,000 tons a year.

If the Nazis get as they hope 1,500,000 tons of oil a year from Rumania transport facilities at their best can move that quantity plus a further half-million tons.

How then is Hitler going to obtain from the Soviet those vast supplies of which he speaks so confidently?

DO YOU KNOW THAT— FORMERLY an inn was understood to refer to the town house of a rich and important personage where food and drink were served from the brewer or butler, thus giving rise to the modern usage of the word bar?

The handsome pulpit at Crathie, near Balmoral, parish church contains 18 different kinds of Scottish granite?

A century ago when soldiers were billeted on a town it was the practice for a sergeant, accompanied by a drummer, to parade the main streets warning the tradesmen not to give credit to the troops?

As an addition to his realms, Henry VII valued Newfoundland as being worth a meagre £10, for this was the exact amount he handed over to John Cabot in 1497 as a reward for his daring and enterprise in discovering the island?

The cassock now worn by clergy and choristers was originally an outer garment worn by soldiers?

Panama is the one place in the world where it is possible to see the sun rise over the Pacific and set over the Atlantic?

"The Happiness Everlasting"  
SOME FOLK THINK THAT CHRIST WAS A FAILURE, THEY POINT TO HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS, THEY THINK HE WOULD HAVE MADE LIFE MUCH EASIER IF HE'D SYMBOLIZED GAIN WITHOUT LOSS. THEY SUGGEST HE'D HAVE PROVED VICE QUITE FUTILE, HAD JUDAS BUT FALLEN DEAD WHEN HE TOUCHED THE BETRAYING SILVER, WHICH TO THE GREAT SACRIFICE LED.

THEY think that the Cross should have crumbled like dust at the Touch of Christ's Hands, that the storm of Divine wrath and vengeance should have shaken the hills into sands. That His Sacrifice should have been hindered by God's Hands stretched out from the skies. But how could He then have convinced us that the Soul Lives when the Body Dies?

THEY think that He would have saved suffering if He'd put all traitors to flight, if He'd shown that the outcome was Happiness immediately one did Right. These are mere Arguments of Impatience, to see Right dispel Wrong's gloom, but the Answer is far above Life's Cross, it is in Heaven beyond earth's tomb. For there in God's wonderful Mansions the Triumph of Goodness lies, the Happiness Everlasting where Christ's Cross carved our path to God's Skies. J. M.

## Suffering

NEUTRALS are suffering in this war as much as belligerents. Italy's economic plight is typical. The cost of living has increased 20 per cent., and new taxes have been imposed.

Coffee is 4s. 2d. a lb., butter 2s. 4d., sugar 9d. There are two meatless days a week. There is no gas for cooking after 9 p.m.

Sugar, coffee, petrol and other commodities are rationed. And allowances are less than in either Britain or France.

## Onions

MODERN warfare affects all manner of strange things, and even the onion becomes a matter of some concern because we grow only 8 per cent. of our requirements, thus necessitating huge imports.

Shipping space is required for more important materials, so that there is a call to the huge army of "diggers for victory" not to forget a place in their allotments for the humble onion.

Foreigners admit that one big surprise for them is that, in spite of the war, there has been little economising in Britain on social services. Present cost of these services is £221,000,000, and the measure of our advancement in this way is shown by the fact that since the beginning of the century the bill has increased twelvefold.

A costard was a large apple and so sellers of the fruit were known as costard mongers or as we know them coddlemongers?

Since the 15th century the Herald's College has been the country's recognised authority on coats of arms and all questions referring to the descent of families?

POSER  
FRED had a bag of counters, one-third of which were red, the others white. Harry had a similar number of counters, one-third white, the rest red. They mixed the counters and each took half of them. Harry then had seven red counters for every five white. What fraction of Fred's counters were red?

Solution to last Sunday's poser:— Let x = number of bottles. From data:—  
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# Nazi And Red Agents In Britain On The Run

## 1,000 DETECTIVES BEGIN BIGGEST ALIEN HUNT

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### ... And Daughter Answered "Heil"

**H**USBAND: When our daughter stayed out late my wife said it was wrong and I should put my foot down.  
**Solicitor:** And did you?  
**Husband:** Yes, and my daughter said "Heil, Hitler."

**Solicitor:** Did you have frequent disputes with your husband about who was master in the house?  
**Wife:** Certainly not. There is no dispute about it—I am master.  
**Husband:** My wife has ridiculous ideas. One is that we should save money each week.

**Solicitor:** Your husband says you are a very strong woman.  
**Wife:** I am a member of the weaker sex, but I will not be dictated to by a mere man.  
**Wife:** My husband insulted me—he said I would take first prize in a cattle show.

**Solicitor:** If you have not been cruel to your wife, why has she sued you?  
**Husband:** My wife is always seeking fresh diversion.

**Clerk:** Are you telling the court your wife invited you to strike her?  
**Husband:** I am; she said she was getting fed-up with the peaceful life she was leading.

**Solicitor:** Your wife complains that you are always late in going to work.  
**Husband:** When I left home early she always complained that I chose a time when I could say "Good morning" to Mrs. — next door.

**Woman:** I went to get in to get some clothes so as to get out.

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## Tribunal K.C.s Told 'When In Doubt, Intern'

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**M**ORE THAN A THOUSAND DETECTIVES—SOME BELONGING TO THE SPECIAL BRANCH OF SCOTLAND YARD, OTHERS TO THE C.I.D. AND PROVINCIAL FORCES—HAVE STARTED THE GREATEST SPY HUNT BRITAIN HAS EVER KNOWN. THEY ARE CHECKING UP ON 10,000 "DOUBTFUL" ENEMY ALIENS WHO HAVE SO FAR BEEN ALLOWED TO REMAIN AT LARGE.

Large numbers of these aliens will begin to appear this week before the twelve special tribunals which have been set up by the Home Secretary to comb them out.

The one thing certain is that many of these enemy aliens will go into internment for the duration of the war.

Up to now police chiefs, especially in the danger areas, have been in despair over their inability to keep a close watch on the multitudes of aliens in their midst.

All of them, Germans, Austrians and Czechs, women as well as men, profess to be refugees. Up to now we have largely taken their word for it.

Now the onus will be on the doubtful aliens to prove their innocence. Where doubt remains the tribunals will put them behind steel bars.

WITH FORGED PAPERS

Detectives are placing the undesirable into a few well-defined classes:—

1.—Active Nazi spies who contrived to land with forged refugee papers.

2.—Nazi agents who came here before the war in the guise of commercial representatives.

3.—Communist refugees, who were genuine victims of Hitlerism but who, since the pact between Germany and Russia, have become pro-dictator and anti-British. Many of them have been carrying on subversive propaganda here.

4.—International crooks.

Police chiefs will bring them before the twelve tribunals, each of which will be presided over by a K.C.

Aliens living near ports, aerodromes and military garrisons will undergo special scrutiny.

There will be no persecution drive of genuine refugees. The first to go into internment will be those who have given the police difficulty by abusing British hospitality, and others whose movements have caused suspicion.

THE NEWSPAPER SAYS:—  
The recent talks between General von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German army, and General von Keitel, Chief of the General Staff, seem to indicate that Hitler has leanings towards greater military action in the West and towards which, in spite of the experts' advice, Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, is pushing him.

Referring to the German artillery activity, the "Echo de Paris" declares:—  
"It is not firing such as is the prelude to a widespread attack, but rather a type of methodical relentless directed towards a large piece of unoccupied territory upside down."

The newspaper suggests that the enemy is concentrating on ground which it has reason to believe is mined.

REUTER.

CHEAPER EGGS TOMORROW

Fresh eggs from Eire and from near-European countries—Holland, Denmark, etc.—will be cheaper tomorrow.

New maximum retail prices for Eire eggs have been fixed at 2s. and 1s. 9d. a dozen, according to size.

Near-European eggs will sell at 1s. 9d. and 1s. 6d.

Further steps have been taken by the German High Command to prevent neutrals from seeing what is going on along the Western Front.

Hitherto travellers by rail from Belgium to Switzerland have been able to go down the Rhineland, by way of Cologne. Now the Rhineland route is forbidden, and they have to go to the interior of Germany.

ALL the nickel coins of Czechoslovakia, and nearly all the silver coins, have now been transported to

## YOU MAY GET MORE BEEF

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

**N**EGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON BETWEEN THE FOOD MINISTRY AND THE WAR OFFICE TO SEE IF CIVILIANS CAN HAVE MORE BEEF.

Up to now nearly all imported beef has gone to the Army. Much of it has been landed at French ports for the B.E.F.

Little, therefore, has been available in this country.

Now the Food Ministry is suggesting to the War Office that the Army is getting just as tired of beef as civilians are of mutton.

An announcement about the negotiations is expected this week.

60 JAP WARSHIPS OFF CHINA COAST

Hong Kong, Saturday.  
A concentration off Fukien of at least 60 Japanese warships, including three aircraft carriers, was reported by the Central News Agency of China today.

The Japanese are believed to be preparing for large-scale manoeuvres around the South Sea Islands.—A.P.

IN NOVELLO'S NEXT



Lili Palmer, who has a leading part in "Ladies Into Action," Ivor Novello's new comedy which opens at the Lyric Theatre on Wednesday.

CONDEMNED MAN'S PLEA

An appeal by William Charles Cowell, thirty-eight, a hospital orderly of Brighton, sentenced to death at Lewes Assizes for the murder of thirty-four-year-old Anne Farrow Cook, waldmaid at the same hospital, will come before the Court of Criminal Appeal tomorrow.

Cowell pleads that he was not guilty, and alleges he was "tricked" into a confession.

Germany. The silver is used for overseas purchases, and the nickel is melted down for armaments.

Instead, the country is flooded with worthless paper marks. Notes of as low a denomination as 14d. have been issued.

Total output of the Czech sugar factories has been commandeered. And the Czech sugar ration is only half of the low ration in the Reich.

Dr. Ivan Markovic, trustee of the Czech T.U.C. and holder of several offices in former Czechoslovak governments, has been murdered in Dachau concentration camp.

The Czechs are still setting up secret arms dumps, ready for the day. Two men from the Brno munition works have just been shot for this activity. But for every two found out there are twenty carrying on the work.

MASS executions are being speeded up in Poland. Young and old, men and women—even mothers with their children clinging to them—are being ranged against the wall and mowed down with machine guns.

Even Prussian soldiers have shown a disinclination to carry out this butchery, and a number have committed suicide. Now Nazi S.S. men have been brought in to carry out the executions.

## HITLER'S STAR IS SET!

IN the opinion of Miss Lynn Wells, a famous American astrologer, Hitler's star set in 1934. The planets, she says, indicate that his career, as well as Stalin's, will end in the same way as Napoleon's. She advises President Roosevelt not to run for a third term of office, as the U.S.A. will come "under bad aspects" during this year. She adds, however, that the President himself is coming under "friendly vibrations" and that he will be chiefly famous for what he has done in the field of foreign affairs.

## BELGIAN BOATS GUNNED

Ostend, Saturday.  
THREE Belgian fishing-boats reported today that they had been machine-gunned by planes in the North Sea.

One returned to port, but the others continued fishing.

The Ostend Maritime Inquiry Commission said the attacks were unjustified, since the ships were plainly marked as neutral fishing-boats, and were fishing in free waters.—A.P.

## £2,000 LEGACIES FOR AFFECTIONATE CARE

As an appreciation of their "devoted and affectionate care," the Rev. Reginald Street, of Christchurch, Hants, retired Independent minister, left £2,000 each to his servants, William Leonard Simmons and his wife, Allen.

They are also to have his house, his motor cars and his dogs. His total estate was £5,700—£2,199 net—on which duty of £2,234 has been paid.

Professor Leon Sternbach, of Cracow University, has died, aged seventy-six, as a result of hardships in the concentration camp at Cracow. He is the 17th Cracow University professor to die there.

Epidemics, with typhoid predominating, are sweeping the Jewish quarters of many Polish cities. Governor-General Frank has forbidden non-Jewish doctors to treat these patients. And most of the Jewish doctors have been shot or exiled.

LARGE EXPORTS OF GERMAN GOODS ARE SUSPECTED OF LEAVING EUROPE FOR SOUTH AMERICA IN ITALIAN SHIPS. IMPORTS OF ITALIAN GOODS INTO ARGENTINA, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 60 PER CENT.

Increasing numbers of desertions by Nazi soldiers into Luxemburg has prompted the military authorities to draft extra military police along the frontier.

THE Dutch Government are to be asked to speed up inquiries into the case of a Dutch skipper who is alleged to have carried a cargo of magnetic mines, which he intended to use in the harbours of British harbours as he left them.

Nazis have for some time been trying to bribe neutral skippers to sow the murder mines.

## THOUSANDS OF NEW HOMES BOOM COMING IN BUILDING

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

**T**HERE WILL BE MORE WORK SOON IN THE BUILDING TRADES. IN THE PAST MONTH 135,000 MEN WHO HAD BEEN UNEMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRY FOUND JOBS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE WEATHER.

But new work is going to put many more in employment within the next few months.

The Government is preparing to grant permits for the restarting of house-building in several parts of the country.

Not general house-building on suburban estates, but the building of entirely new complete townships, in the neighbourhood of the new arsenals and aircraft factories that are being constructed.

IN COUNTRY

Some of the factories are in country districts; others are in towns where all the local labour is already in full employment.

In both cases thousands of men will have to be "imported" into the districts to work in the factories, and many of them will need homes within easy reach of the factories.

It is for such cases as these that the Government is proposing to issue house-building permits.

The number of houses to be built will run into many thousands.

## SUN LAMPS HELP SUBMARINE CREWS

Having himself presented a sun lamp to a man-o-war, Mr. J. Mortimer Hawkins learns that they would be particularly acceptable on submarine depot ships, where crews rest up for a spell after nerve-racking patrols in enemy waters.

Any reader who desires in this way to help the men of the Royal Navy should communicate with Mr. J. Mortimer Hawkins at 115 Cannon-st., London, E.C.4.

## N. BATTERSEA ELECTION

Two candidates are nominated for the by-election at North Battersea consequent upon the resignation of Mr. William Sanders. They are: Mr. F. C. R. Douglas (official Lab.), and Mr. E. C. Joyce, a clerk (Ind. Lab.). Mr. Joyce was a last-minute candidate, and it is understood he is standing on a "Stop the War" policy.

## NAZI SHIPS SHEER OFF

Belgrade, Saturday.  
There are no German merchant ships in Yugoslav waters, neither are there any British warships in Yugoslav waters or near them, officials declared in Belgrade today.

All German merchantmen formerly in Yugoslav ports were now in Italian ports, mainly Trieste, it was stated.—B.U.P.

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THERE'S a war being fought, and prices are going up all the time," says Mrs. Killick, "and we've still only got our same 5/- a week for everything. So I have to work out their food more carefully than ever—especially with Dad and the two older boys having such large appetites. Young Frank, who's 13, plays a lot of football, and little Reggie, at 7, is always 'out of doors on the go, too. And you should see them eat!"

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# Edward Lyndoe's Predictions Something Better From Premier Soon

THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD A STRONG DIPLOMATIC MOVE UP HIS SLEEVE WAS PREDICTED HERE WEEKS BACK. HIS SUDDEN TIGHTENING OF THE BLOCKADE IS PART ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC AND SUCCESSFUL OF HIS EFFORTS SO FAR. MOREOVER, GOOD AS IT IS, SOMETHING BETTER IS ABOUT TO APPEAR.

Not so spectacular, Mr. Chamberlain's gesture to Japan is nevertheless of tremendous significance. It is worth chronicling now that two of my most jeered-at statements are heading for fulfilment. One was that of a certain understanding with Japan and the other of a treaty with Russia.

THE Russian arrangement will add still further to Hitler's difficulties, when at last it arrives, and will have a more far-reaching influence than just trade possibilities. It will be seen to connect up with the talks about European settlements that I am certain are pending. Mr. Chamberlain has some startling surprises for us.

ONE of the events of the next few weeks will be a recurrence of what are called "profit scandals," with considerable repercussions in the House and official inquiries which crack down

heavily on certain sections of the community. One of these events gives a pretty heavy back-hander to the little man and his enjoyment.

LOOKING eastward, I expect a Turkish decision of maximum importance soon. That Turkey's armed forces will be in action at no very distant date seems probable.

AMONG the cluster of surprises which present charts reveal the most interesting is a vital personal decision made by President Roosevelt. I do not think this is connected with his third term of office as President.

On that point I have remained silent so far because I think his decision will be dictated by something more pressing than any personal desire. In other words, the shape of the war will be paramount to the sectional considerations of the American public.

It is, therefore, difficult to decide from his own chart a question which lies, to all intents and purposes, outside his own volition. No, the decision to which I refer looks as if it involves a historic move, a journey, and participation in conferences.

RECENTLY this column carried the correct prediction of severe difficulties of a meteorological nature for Germany and I hinted at severe Spring conditions. The next month or so has all the appearance of hampering transportation down in Central Europe to Mr. Hitler's extreme discomfort. Another transport tragedy of a different kind seems certain within two or three weeks.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

## BRIEF BIRTHDAY INDICATIONS

(Applying to those whose anniversaries occur this week.)

**TODAY**  
DEVELOPMENTS of maximum importance can be expected to begin almost immediately. Sweeping changes will have lasting repercussions on almost all your interests.

**TOMORROW**  
Money questions well to the fore and business interests generally appear to be in flourishing condition. Provided you can resist the temptation to over-spend, you should be able to do well from financial viewpoint.

**TUESDAY**  
Quiet conditions with emphasis on personal relationships. Old associations are renewed and you make many new friends. Financial outlook settled. No surprising gains, but a healthy tone which enables you to

handle most of your affairs satisfactorily.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
YOU must be prepared for a complete break with your normal routine during the next few months. New ventures do well and this is the year to tackle changes.

**THURSDAY**  
Caution essential in all activities for some time to come. Conditions are highly deceptive and you will find other people irritatingly obstructive. Setbacks in business interests lead to considerable financial strain.

**FRIDAY**  
Expenditure will be heavier than you had calculated, and you may have to limit your ambitions owing to the shortage of ready cash. In any event, you must be prepared for a number of delays in carrying out your plans.

**SATURDAY**  
A "boom" year in which most of your interests are well on the upgrade. You can safely count on steady expansion of your business interests with corresponding improvement in your finances. Unexpected assistance from older people also strengthens your position.

## HOW WE ALL STAND THIS WEEK

(Look for your birth date below to find your section.)

**MARCH 21 to APRIL 20**  
DISAPPOINTING week and a hasty decision made today may lead to difficulties in your relations with others. Thursday and Friday show evidence of a crisis in connection with your financial arrangements. An error of judgment may lead to a pretty severe loss.

**APRIL 21 to MAY 20**  
Anxiety regarding money is the chief drawback of the week for most people in this group. You must see that your impatience does not prompt you to make some foolish mistakes. The chief need is to keep expenses as low as possible for a few days.

**MAY 21 to JUNE 20**  
A STROKE of good fortune with strong financial angle brightens the beginning of this week, and Monday should be the day for dealing with all business questions which need attention.

**JUNE 21 to JULY 20**  
Early part of week needs to be treated with caution. Little prospect of progress until round about next Saturday. Thursday a day to avoid when fixing important engagements.

**JULY 21 to AUGUST 20**  
I suggest you take everything quietly until next week-end. You will be feeling very discouraged during the first two or three days, and your judgment is bound to be affected. Wednesday gives you a chance to try out new ideas.

**AUGUST 21 to SEPTEMBER 20**  
Monday is the day to choose for dealing with all business questions which call for attention. Tuesday is less satisfactory owing to a series of upsets with people in your immediate circle.

**SEPTEMBER 21 to OCTOBER 20**  
MONEY problems tend to reach a critical stage this week, and care should be exercised regarding expenditure. Second half of week brings more settled conditions.

**OCTOBER 21 to NOVEMBER 20**  
Complications arising over present week-end lead to feeling of discouragement during first half of week. Utmost care regarding decisions should be taken. Second half of week is spoiled by acute financial crisis round about Thursday, and a loss is by no means improbable.

**NOVEMBER 21 to DECEMBER 20**  
Interesting news at the beginning of the week opens up new possibilities, and I urge you to be on the alert to seize opportunities for expansion. By Thursday difficulties in your contacts with others limit your prospects of success considerably.

**DECEMBER 21 to JANUARY 19**  
Quiet week, but chief opportunities do not occur until right at the end. Only day at all likely to upset you is Friday, and even then the difficulties are short-lived because Saturday is an actively helpful day.

**JANUARY 20 to FEBRUARY 18**  
WEDNESDAY is most important day of week. It provides welcome opportunity to improve your position both financially and socially, probably as a result of contact with new acquaintances.

**FEBRUARY 19 to MARCH 20**  
As far as possible you should get all your plans fixed on Wednesday. You are somewhat too easily influenced by your friends just now, and unwise enthusiasm for new ideas may lead to disappointments.

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  - 9.0—Time: News.
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  - 9.30 p.m.—Arthur Jacobson and his Orchestra.
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# "Germany Serving A False God"

## NEVILLE HENDERSON'S VAIN BID FOR PEACE

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

NO ONE HAD GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE NAZI MIND THAN SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON, WHO FROM 1937 TO THE OUTBREAK OF WAR WAS BRITAIN'S AMBASSADOR AT BERLIN.

Now, in "Failure of a Mission" (Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d. net), he has set down the first full account of what actually happened in those weary, nerve-racking days of suspense before Hitler loosed against Poland the full fury of Germany's mechanised might.

When he first presented his credentials to Hitler, Sir Neville saw in his ambassadorship a great, unrivalled chance to preserve the peace of Europe, and it must have been with a heavy heart that he chose the title of his book.

But that he failed in his aim is no reflection on the diplomatic ability or vision of Sir Neville.

For he had to realise, as the world unhappily now knows, that he was dealing with a man whose mind was diseased and whose outlook was stained with the shadows of false greatness and lustful ambition.

He himself confesses that for two years he hoped against hope that the Nazi revolution, having run its course, would revert to a normal and civilised conduct of internal and international life.

"Many may regard my persistence," he declares, "as convicting me of the lack of any intellectual understanding of Nazi or even German mentality. That may be true; but even today I do not regret having tried to believe in Germany's honour and good sense."

"Whatever happens, I shall always persist in thinking that it was right to make the attempt, that nothing was lost by making it, but that, on the contrary, this should never have entered upon this war as a united Empire and Nation with the moral support of neutral opinion behind us, if the attempt had not been made."

Struggled in vain. "Anyway, the fact remains that up to the 15th of March, 1939, and in spite of the shocks of Godesberg and Munich in 1938, I refused to abandon that hope."

"After the occupation of Prague on the 15th of March, I still struggled on, though all hope, except in a miracle, was dead."

Of the invasion of Poland Sir Neville writes: "A clearer case of unprovoked aggression there can never be."

"Indeed," he goes on, "in spite of all my hopes and efforts, it is now possible to say that for a year and a half before that date I had been obsessed with the idea that we were moving remorselessly through the pages of a Greek tragedy to its inevitably disastrous and sinister end."

"Those who take the trouble to read this book will realise what I mean. Hitler never intended the ultimate end to be other than war."

"It seems inconceivable that the will and lust for power of one man should plunge an unwilling Europe into war. But so it is, and hundreds of thousands of men, women and children have got to suffer and to die for it."

"So long as Germany, the home of the most numerous, disciplined and hardworking race in Europe, is governed by Hitler and his secret police, and by all that Hitlerism stands for, there can be no confidence in international agreements, and no civilised conduct in national and international life."

"That is my profound conviction after living in the Germany of Hitler for over two years."

"A prosperous, contented and happy Germany is a vital British interest. But today the Germans are serving a false god, and their many good and great qualities are being debauched for ends which are evil."

**ASSETS AND INCOME.** The assets of the Company are now £354,455,855, of which over 93 per cent. are invested in the United Kingdom and the Empire. The income during 1939 was £56,254,060.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.** The net new sums assured were £27,130,000. The reversionary bonuses declared on participating policies in force at 31st December, 1939, are £1.14.0 per cent. for Whole Life Assurances, and £1.10.0 per cent. for Endowment Assurances.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.** The premiums received were £23,810,034, being an increase of £694,548. The reversionary bonus is £1.4.0 per cent.

Since the initiation of the profit sharing scheme in the Industrial Branch, £59,000,000 has been allotted for bonuses to policyholders.

A further reduction in the Industrial Branch expense ratio. For 1939 the ratio was 22.46 per cent. of the premiums received.

**GENERAL BRANCH.** The premiums received were £2,620,959 arising from Fire, Sickness and Accident, Employers' Liability, Motor Insurance, etc.

**APPROVED SOCIETIES.** The total amount expended on benefits was over £4,500,000 including £546,000 on dental benefit.

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## Satan Is In Charge!

By "THE PHILOSOPHER"

NEUTRAL men are the Devil's allies, wrote Chapin, and I fancy his verdict in Europe today would express that opinion still.

For where could anyone find a more complete devil than Adolf Hitler? And can it be denied that the neutrality of Norway, and the rest, is assisting his satanic Fuhrership?

The disease, of course, is traceable to fear. They would all, if they could, possess the strength and daring to offer a free hand to the Allied democracies.

Meanwhile they go as this devil drives. And these things will be as they are, so long as the British merely wish them to be otherwise. What, then, should be our policy in face of realities? Must we nicely observe written rules, while Old Nick Hitler cheats at every round of the cards?

## SINGS A SONG OF MILLIONS



Deanna Durbin, on her way to earning her second million dollars, is now growing up and approaching her 18th birthday.

## Your War-time Garden

### It's Potato Week!

By RICHARD SUDELL, F.R.H.S.

POTATOES are in the news this week. Owing to the great demand for seed potatoes, larger tubers than those usually used for sets are being sent out. Many readers ask whether these can be cut. They can, provided an "eye" is left to each cut portion.

After cutting large tubers, the pieces should be left exposed to the air for 24 hours to allow the surface to dry before planting. There is no object in sprouting potatoes in boxes at this late season; they can be planted direct in the drills.

Amongst the earlies, Sharpe's Express is one of the best, but where the wart disease is prevalent, Arran Pilot or Wiltshire Early should be used. Amongst the second earlies one of the best new comers is The Gladstone.

The Bishop is a good keeper and useful for exhibition purposes. I am trying Doon Pearl this year. One grower raised 272 pounds from one pound of seed cut into 30 sets—a remarkable cropping record. Kerr's Pink always produces a heavy crop and keeps well.

## WHAT SAY YOU?

### Twelve Ten-Second Teasers

- 1.—It's the name of an imaginary malign spirit with power over the sea; it's part of a term used of the sea as the tomb of those drowned; it's the name of a renowned racehorse. What is it?
- 2.—It's a small house or villa on a mountain; it's a Swiss Cottage. Name it.
- 3.—It's a kind of letter; it's a type of certainty; it's a form of weight. What is it?
- 4.—It's a narrow band of silk, etc., worn over both shoulders by priests; it's a band of fur, etc., worn round the neck of a woman. What is it?
- 5.—It's a plant found in the fields; it's a plant found in practically every kitchen garden; it has medicinal, culinary, or aromatic properties. Name it.
- 6.—It's a Jewish congregation for religious instruction and observance; it's a building or place of meeting for this. What is it?

- 7.—It's a glossy-leaved evergreen shrub; its foliage was used in the form of a wreath to distinguish victorious competitors in the ancient classical games; it was also conferred on heroes, poets, etc. Name it.
- 8.—It's a sure-footed animal; it's a stupidly stubborn or obstinate person; it's an instrument for cotton-spinning. What is it?
- 9.—It's a delightful form of fruit; it's fleshy, juicy and downy; it's a kind of bloom. What is it?
- 10.—It's a bitter evergreen plant of fetid odour and acid taste; its leaves are often made into a form of medicinal stimulant. What is it?
- 11.—It's a word which was used as a test to distinguish the Ephraimites from the Gileadites; it's a criterion; it's a test; it's a watchword. What is it?
- 12.—It's a rick, a heap, a pile; it's a multi-tude, a crowd, a herd; it's a crew, a gang, a mob. What is it?

(ANSWERS IN PAGE THIRTEEN.)

## HALIFAX BUILDING SOCIETY

Record Assets Reached—£129,000,000

THE Eighty-seventh Annual General Meeting of members of Halifax Building Society was held Monday last at Halifax, Brig.-General Sir Edward N. Whitley, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L., President of the Society, presiding.

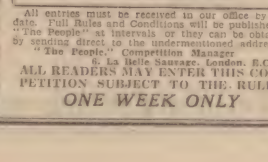
In moving the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet, he said:—

The Annual Financial Statement and Report are in your hands and I presume that I may take them as read. They cover a period of seven months of uneasy peace and five months of war, and they give us great grounds for thankfulness.

As you see, our total assets have increased by more than £895,000 to the record sum of over £129,000,000 and, but for having to find an additional sum of over £200,000 for Income Tax and N.D.C., our profit for the year would have been even better than last year. Turning to the Balance Sheet you will see that of the £129,000,000 of assets more than one-sixth consists of items that are not liable to depreciation, over £6,000,000 of cash in the Banks, and over £15,000,000 of Loans to Local Authorities repayable at fixed and for the most part early dates, and a small, relatively small, amount of a Dominion Government security repayable within three years at par and already at a higher price in the market than in our books. Our profit for the year would have been even better than last year. 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Where a contest was held in aid of the local War Comforts Fund. One of the many Shaws playing for Earl Ferrers Hotel scored a bull for game and won the final from Streatham War Police Reserves. The contest was organized by Mr. J. Johnson, and produced £20.

1. Any such certainty which may be the result must be accepted as final. No certainty can be conducted in connection with the Runner-up Prizes. In the event of a tie or ties for the First Prize the £1,200 Cash Prize only will be equally divided. No competitor can win more than one prize or share of a prize in any Competition.

2. Acceptance of the findings of the Adjudication Committee in regard to the most meritorious entries and of the Editor of "The People" in all other matters is a condition on which entries are accepted.

All entries must be received in our office by this date. Full Rules and Conditions will be published in "The People" at intervals or they can be obtained by sending direct to the undermentioned address:-  
 "The People," Competition Manager  
 c/o La Belle-Sauvage, London, E.C.4.

**ALL READERS MAY ENTER THIS COMPETITION SUBJECT TO THE RULES.**  
**ONE WEEK ONLY**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 COMPETITORS MUST NOT SIGNIFY THAT PORTION OF THE ENTRY FORM GIVEN FOR THE NAME AND ADDRESS THOSE WINNERS AND SQUARE CONTAINING THE MOST MERITORIOUS ANSWERS IN CROSSWORD No. 102, and for particulars of "The Compellor's World," which contains extracts from the findings of the Adjudication Committee for Crossword No. 102, etc., see Page Two.

Not that the shows I compered were so grand affairs. First was at Stratton, where a contest was held in aid of the local War Comforts Fund. One of the many shows playing for the Ferrero Hotel scored a bull for same vice the final from Streatham War Office Bazaar. The contest was headed by Mr. J. Johnson, and produced £220.















## Any Old Iron? HITLER'S DOORS AS SCRAP

Special to "The People"  
GOERING'S collection of old metal for Hitler's birthday has become much more than a gesture, for the shortage of metal is now a matter of life and death to Germany.

This accounts for the fact that the elaborate bronze doors and costly chandeliers from Hitler's own Chancellery have joined the collection of scrap.

**DEATH PENALTY**  
A broadcast from all stations declares: "Any person who diverts such metal from its destination injures the fight for the freedom of Greater Germany, and, therefore, will be PUNISHED BY DEATH."

The munition industry has pointed out to Goering that supplies of iron, steel, copper, chromium, tin, tungsten, lead and nickel are dangerously short. That is why all Germany's nickel coins have been replaced by paper, and why 5,000 church bells and 50,000 cowbells from the mountains have been "collected" under the present scheme. The shortage is being intensified daily by the British blockade.

## MEANEST TRICKSTER OF ALL

**R**ELATIVES of men who have died on war service have been victimised by a particularly despicable form of fraud.

After publication of casualty lists the man calls on the relatives, tells them that he is representing the force to which the dead man belonged, expresses sympathy and explains that his visit is connected with the dead man's estate.

Before any payment to the relative can be made, he explains a fee is due for legal expenses to safeguard the interests of the dependents.

In one instance the man presented the relatives with a bad cheque for about £100, and then asked for a cheque for £25 to meet one of the liabilities the dead soldier had incurred in service.

Efforts of Scotland Yard, after having a number of cases brought to their notice, have curtailed this ghoul's activities.

But relatives of men who die on active service are warned to scrutinise the credentials of any strange and sympathetic caller who asks for money.

### BELGIUM STOCKS FOOD

Brussels, Saturday.  
A Government decree was issued today, ordering importers, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in foodstuffs and other necessities to keep one month's stock in reserve.—A.P.

# Neutrals Stand Up For Their Rights NAZI PANIC OVER TRADE BLOCKADE

ENEMY PLANE DOWN IN THE NORTH SEA



READER'S night-time photograph of a Nazi plane shot down in the North Sea. Crew seen escaping in rubber boats by warship searchlight beam.

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## WE HAVE ALREADY WON THE WAR OF NERVES

Our Ally has 6,000,000. Between us we have a combined land army numerically as strong as Hitler's, and much better in quality.

Moreover, in important strategic places like the Middle East, we have powerful forces ready at Hitler's "back door."

As General Ironside points out, the Nazi High Command is deficient in officers capable of carrying out large-scale operations. Most of the Nazi generals have had little more experience of strategy than junior officers in the Allied armies.

The British officer was chosen on merit. The German officer often owes his position to influence in the Nazi party.

The standard of intelligence of our new army is outstanding. By contrast, the German rank and file for seven years have been taught not to think. That is going to tell when the fighting starts.

In material, the British Army has been strengthened to a remarkable degree. Thousands of tanks have been turned out, since war began—tanks with a resisting power and armament that will give Germany a shock.

Scores of thousands of machine-guns have been issued. The B.E.F. will fire more machine-guns than rifles.

Trench mortars of new design have been devised and are in use.

Our long-range artillery has already proved superior to the German. The accuracy of our artillery shooting has staggered German observers.

### 3. ROYAL AIR FORCE

ONLY in the past fortnight have the R.A.F. had a chance to give our fighters a thorough test against the new Messerschmitt 110, glory of Goering. British superiority has been emphatic. Our planes are easier to handle and have more deadly fire-power.

Similarly, the latest German bomber, the Junkers 88, has been roughly handled by our aircraft in raids over the North Sea.

The skill and gallantry of our fliers is sufficiently proved by the fact that we have shot down more than 50 coast raiders with the loss of only one Spitfire in return.

We have shown Hitler that our planes can reach any part of Germany and that we can bomb his air bases and naval bases whenever we choose.

It was true that Germany had a much bigger air force than ours when the war began. But our aircraft output has been doubled, and is shortly about to be doubled again.

The Empire training scheme, and the stream of young men volunteering for the Air Force, will ensure us as many pilots as we need for the duration of the war.

Germany already finds it necessary to put boys of seventeen in planes they send to Britain—and conscripts at that. The Empire scheme alone will give us 30,000 pilots every year.

Our original Spitfires, Hurricanes and Defiants have already been improved in speed, climbing power and armament. Many of them are now carrying cannon guns.

Figures of the strength of our Air Force must not be given, but with our ally we are now ready to meet the Germans on equal numbers. And, quality for quality, our planes are much superior.

Hitler made the mistake of building up his air force to maximum strength before the war began. Much of his construction is now becoming obsolescent.

And that morale is not based on passion or excitement, but on a calm determination that Nazi-ism must be smashed.

People are bearing their burdens calmly. Industrial strikes are notably absent. All political parties are solidly supporting the war. No responsible person is trying to make political capital for his own party.

The young men being called up for the Army are going to their posts willingly and cheerfully.

There are none of the food queues that are seen in Germany.

And there is a realisation everywhere, as the Prime Minister said, that we are "ten times more confident of victory" than we were on that fateful September 3.

We are much further ahead today than we were after three years of the last war.

### 5. FINANCE

DESPITE the war's drain on our finances, Britain's monetary position has strong foundations.

In the Budget that has just ended revenue exceeded the Chancellor's expectations. The taxpayer is bearing his burden cheerfully.

Investors—both large and small—are lending all the money that the Chancellor asks for. More than £500,000,000 has already been loaned to the State in one form or another. Money is being borrowed at the surprisingly low rate of 3 per cent.

Hitler, on the other hand, has increased his paper circulation by 50 per cent since the war began, and he has less than a halfpenny in gold to back every £ worth of notes he issues.

### 6. DIPLOMACY

IN the diplomatic field we are also much better off than we were when the war began. Then we thought we might have to fight Russia and Italy as well as Germany.

Those two nations are still sitting on the fence. Though they are certainly giving Hitler some material aid, he is not getting anything like the amount he hoped for.

### 7. ECONOMIC WAR

THOUGH there are still some loopholes in the blockade, they are trifling compared with the positive blows that have been struck at Germany's economic position.

Shortage of war materials and food

are serious in Germany today. Lack of raw materials has already caused unemployment in German heavy industries.

### 8. FOOD STOCKS

BRITAIN now has much bigger food reserves than she had when war began.

Supplies of bacon from Canada and of butter from New Zealand are increasing. We have ploughed up over 1,400,000 acres of additional land for food crops. Milk supplies are normal.

### 9. A.R.P. SERVICES

OUR A.R.P. services, hurriedly improvised last year, can now cope with the heaviest attack Nazi planes could ever hope to make.

Shortages of shelters, fire pumps, fire hose and many other materials have all been remedied.

There are now thousands of anti-aircraft guns and searchlights where there were hundreds. Over 1,000,000 trained A.R.P. and A.F.S. men and women are on full-time or part-time duty.

### 10. MORALE

FINALLY, there is the morale of the people—an important weapon in war time.

In Germany discontent is growing, partly because of food shortage, partly because of discontent with the Nazi régime, and partly because Hitler is caged like a rat in a trap and does not know what to do.

In Britain the morale of the population is even higher than it was when war broke out.

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Though the dawn is near, the party is going with a swing.

The proprietor seems a cheerful fellow. He knows most of his guests and seats himself at the table of a young Army officer.

"We are always pleased to see the Forces here," he says. "Perhaps you will have a drink on the house?"

The "sugar daddy" and his lady friend get up for a dance. Then they sit down near the two men. Though they seem lost to the world, their eyes and ears are wide open.

Sometimes what they hear is unimportant. But sometimes they catch the proprietor trying to pump them in the Services when he has got them sufficiently mellowed by drink.

For often the "sugar daddy" and his partner are father and daughter out to trap spies.

Colonel Burton's anti-spy squad have gained proof that some bottle parties,

run by aliens, are being used by Nazi sympathisers as hunting-grounds for gathering useful information.

### SHIPS' MOVEMENTS

The Colonel believes that Nazi agents have compiled a vast amount of information about this country's war effort, the whereabouts of aerodromes, arms factories, the movements of ships, and so on.

He believes that the recent easing-off of Britain's shipping losses may be due partly to the tightening-up of restrictions on the movements of neutral seamen in our ports.

"I have spent many years in Germany and know the Teutonic mind," he told me. "I know how messages were smuggled between Germany and Britain after the last war."

They must not get away with it again.

Besides his big business anti-spy squad, the Colonel also "employs" women sleuths.

Several have put him on the track of people who signal to neutral shipping by hanging coloured washing where it can be seen from the sea.

"It may sound fantastic to you," he said, "but from my experience in the Boer War I know that it is possible to send comprehensive messages in this way."

The Colonel is to ask questions about the smuggling of letters out of the country in the House shortly.

## NAZIS ADMIT PATROL LOSSES

Berlin, Saturday.

LOSSES on both sides in several serious encounters between Allied and German patrols on the Western Front yesterday are reported by the Official German News Agency today.

"The reconnaissance tasks were carried out in all cases despite the resistance of the enemy," the agency says.

"On the Upper Rhine front there was the usual gunfire activity. There was more intensive artillery activity near Perl, and minor activity southwards as far as the Rhine."

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## WOMEN IN ITALY'S CALL-UP

Rome, Saturday.

PLANS for the complete mobilisation of the military and civil population of Italy were published here last night.

In taking this final stride towards total war preparedness, Mussolini places mobilisation under the control of a reorganised Supreme Defence Commission, headed by himself.

It includes Cabinet Ministers and chiefs of all branches of the armed forces.

Provision is made for making women, and children over thirteen, subject to mobilisation for work behind the lines—anti-aircraft and defence, factory and other work.

The Defence Commission is specifically charged with effecting the development of the fullest attention to utilising the resources and activities of the nation for achieving victory.

Workmen above Army conscription age are to be trained to replace those in essential industries who may be mobilised.

Industrial training plans were a further measure in Italy's intensified war preparations. It was officially announced. They were designed to meet a "situation which might arise from a future large-scale recalling of classes to the colours."

Pacifist confederations of business men and industrial workers agreed to intensify "the formation of the greatest possible number of qualified workers, not having military obligations, in industrial concerns particularly those connected with defence or indispensable to the life of the nation."

Other decisions at the Cabinet meeting, which made the orders, were for the removal of all iron railings for scrap metal, and for an increase in the pay of civil servants.—A.P.

## IMMENSE CREDITS

All Germany's small neighbours now anticipate a series of sensational moves by the Allies and by the Nazis, too.

I am assured from well-informed sources that a small army of Allied buyers and technical experts—backed by immense gold credits—has already advanced negotiations to compete against every possible Nazi attempt, official or unofficial, to do business in neutral markets.

One of the greatest elements of surprise has been the secret employment by the Allies of the Austrians and Hungarians as trade agents. These experts are particularly well fitted to understand the Balkan mentality, and they usually get the better of their German rivals, who use domineering business methods.

In Scandinavia, too, the Allies are now well placed to secure the bulk of the ores and other raw material so vital to Germany. In view of the persistent Nazi attacks on their shipping, the Northern States are making more and more use of our convoy system.

## ROYAL DECREE

Latest blow to Hitler is the announcement from The Hague yesterday that two Royal decrees have been issued, designed to give a guarantee to Britain that Dutch imports from overseas will not be re-exported to Germany.

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The decrees become effective tomorrow and assure the application of a new trade agreement between Britain and the Netherlands.

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Indeed, the Fuehrer and his advisers, as they frantically survey conditions on all frontiers of the Reich, are at their wits' end to counter our trade offensive, whereas the Allies are going from strength to strength.

Hitler and his advisers cannot make up their minds what to do to deal with the situation, and the Nazi War Council is sharply divided about possible counter-measures.

So far, the only extremist action taken is the mobilisation of 500,000 troops in the Stettin region as a menace to Norway and Sweden should they attempt to stop supplies to Germany.

The threat of invasion is implicit in this mobilisation, but, if it were carried out, Danish neutrality would also have to be violated.

And the Germans are shocked to discover that Norway and Sweden seem more determined than ever to stand upon their neutral rights and to trade with whoever they choose.

These two Scandinavian countries, realising the danger to themselves if Germany should win the war, have met Hitler's latest threats by warning him that they would immediately appeal to the Allies for help if an invasion were attempted.

They have even dared to remind Berlin in view of the many successful British air reconnaissance, the Allies reply to their appeal might take the form of mass air attacks on all German key points from Stettin to Switzerland.

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